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## VODAFONE CUP LATEST RESULTS

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Royals 1 - 0 Gully  
Magic 1 - 2 Cannons  
Georgies 0 - 0 Zebras  
Knights 0 - 1 Pines  
Lions 0 - 0 Bergers  
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## SHORT PASSES

Kingston City's Nick Tolios has suffered a groin injury and had to leave the field early in the weekend's clash with Fawkner. Nick joins a growing injury list at the Grange Reserve and will use the Easter break as an ideal chance to overcome the minor set-back.

In transfer news, Kingston City has been active during the week by snapping up Peter Koutsoupias from rivals South Melbourne.

Coach George Katsakis was also successful in acquiring the signature of exciting 20 year old Mark Geria from the AIS. Mark was one of the short-list players for the Australian Under 23 Squad and normally plays as a left midfielder.

Both players are on one year contracts.

Green Gully's selection problems continued on Friday night for player/coach Andrew Marth when his two strikers selected for the match against Essendon, John Inclint and Matthew Saunders, had to come off injured. Marth was once again forced to reshuffle his line-up but hopes to reverse the Gully's fortunes of late with the return of Zoran Markovski, Lupo Lapsansky and the two Vargas brothers, Andy and Roddy, after the Easter break.

Marth has also been looking to bolster squad and one player close to signing on the dotted line is Ricky Cardozo. Ricky is 21 years old and played in the Under 20 National team. He's a clinical finisher that has been knocking in the goals in the New Zealand State League - scoring 9 goals in 16 games. If the surname sounds familiar, it's because Ricky is the younger brother of the prolific goalscorer of the old NSL, Pablo.

Altona's Doug Mladenovic received a cork thigh in the big match against Oakleigh and had to be substituted. With the week's rest coming up he should be available to return the magic line up.

## BOUTSIANIS BACK IN TOWN

Con Boutsianis has resurfaced in the Vodafone Cup and signed for Oakleigh Cannons. The former Socceroo was playing at Bulleen Zebras last season before being released and hopes to rekindle his career with the new league leaders.

Boutsianis was introduced as a second-half substitute in the top of the table clash against Altona Magic and wasted no time making his return to Victoria's elite football competition by netting the winner and help his new team mates overturn a 1-0 deficit. The former Socceroo and NSL star who once struck fear into defences across the land with his ferocious free-kicks looked lean and mobile on Saturday night. "Boutsi" still believes he has what it takes to grace the A-league and is hoping that with some sound performances he might be able to bring his wealth of experience to a side that is willing to offer him a place in its squad.

Coach Stuart Munro said, "Boutsi trained with us earlier on in the season and after the loss of Cameron Pino for the season (knee) and Jimmy Drossos went to Heidelberg, we were short of a left sided players. Con basically came in and he'll be an ideal player to fill that role."



Frankston's Boris Ovcin (hamstring) and Craig Metcalfe (Knee) has sustained injuries after Round 9. Bit too early to tell how serious it all is, but hopefully the break will help their cause to be fit for when the action starts again on the weekend of April 24th.

Port Melbourne's George Svingos has announced his retirement from the game. George has been unable to shrug off a recurring knee injury. He will now join the coaching staff at SS Anderson Reserve.

## EASTER MATCH

Whilst the rest of the Vodafone Cup will be looking for their Easter eggs, Preston Lions and Oakleigh Cannons will meet in a "Top v Bottom" clash on Easter Monday.

The match was originally postponed due to damage of the surface at Connor Reserve. New Lions coach Goran Lozanovski will be hoping his side can hit its strides and turn the form book upside down by giving the only team in the Vodafone Cup with an undefeated record a run for their money.

"They're on fire at the moment, although

it doesn't matter who we play, every game we play will be competitive and a battle. The boys are looking forward to the challenge and to the point where we can start getting on a bit of a roll and start winning some games."

Match takes place on Easter Monday at Epping Stadium and KO is at 3pm.



## GOAL! WEEKLY NEXT OUT 24th APRIL

Please note due to the Easter Break Goal! Weekly will next be available on Monday 24th April.

We would like to wish all our readers a Happy and Safe Easter.

## YOUNG GUN CATCHES THE EYE

A rising star of the Vodafone Cup that has impressed with recent performances of late is Michael Catalano. The youngest of four brothers who is part of the squad at the fast improving Essendon Royals, caught the eye once again on Friday night with a solid display on the left side of midfield.

Still only 18 years old and affectionately known as "Junior" to his club mates, Coach Luciano Trani was singing his praises after the important 1-0 victory against Green Gully. "He's really coming into his own this season. In the last couple of seasons he was making numerous cameo appearances by either coming

off the bench or having brief stints on the park before being subbed. Now he's had a number of games under his belt and is beginning to understand what it takes to become a first team regular footballer. He's really becoming of age."

Luciano also said "he's becoming a lot more confident and that's really showing in his game. Against Bulleen Zebras he was definitely our man of the match". Junior is in his third season at the club and was first given his chance of first team football by former coach Dave Clarkson.

## STH V KNIGHTS POSTPONED

The South Melbourne blockbuster game against the Melbourne Knights has been rescheduled.

The already deferred Round 6 Vodafone Cup match was scheduled for Easter Monday but will now take place on June 11th.

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Monday 10 April



# VODAFONE CUP



## ROUND 9 SCOREBOARD

### KINGSTON CITY 3 – 2 FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA

Venue: The Grange Reserve Friday 7th April Crowd: 600 (HT 1-2)

GOALS: E.Awad (FW) 7th, M.Stergiopoulos (KC) 30th, J.sapazovski (FW) 45th, J.Di Iorio (KC) 56th, J.Latinopoulos (KC) 77th.

YELLOW CARDS: S.Iosifidis (KC) 19th, M.Vazzocchi (FW) 29th, J.Spiteri (KC) 50th, J.Latinopoulos (KC) 59th, S.Ognenovski (FW) 90th, T.Sterjovski (FW) 90th.

RED CARDS: None.

KINGSTON: M.Turnball, S.Iosifidis, C.Konstans, M.Stergiopoulos, M.Curcija, J.Di Iorio (G.Papadopoulos 79th), J.Spiteri, J.Latinopoulos, T.Brodie (C.Hermosilla 70th), A.Kiratzoglou, N.Tolios (N.Papadopoulos 36th).

BLUES: S.Tilovski, S.Ognenovski, E.Awad, M.Vazzocchi, J.Angelovski, M.Bosevski, R.Callico, T.Sterjovski, M.Tsirolas (J.Siljanovski 75th), J.Sapazovski.

### ESSENDON ROYALS 1 – 0 GREEN GULLY

Venue: Veneto Social Club Friday 7th April Crowd: 100 (HT 0-0)

GOALS: S.Fitzsimmons (ER) 75th.

YELLOW CARDS: M.Batinovic (GG) 49th, S.Pir (ER) 58th, J.Debenec (GG) 73rd.

RED CARDS: None.

ROYALS: M.Sutalo, V.Pititto, N.Thomas, S.Pir, N.Schwal, F.Catalano (J.Youseff 88th), D.Pilic, M.Catalano, M.Medjevovic, H.Fa'Arrodo, S.Fitzsimmons.

GULLY: P.Schwalger, P.Riccobene, D.Fak, J.Flemming, B.Vassallo, M.Batinovic (M.Dimech 79th), J.Nikolic (D.Debenec 54th), R.Ollerton, D.Nastevski, S.Camilleri, M.Sanders (J.Agius 74th).

### ALTONA MAGIC 1 – 2 OAKLEIGH CANNONS

Venue: Paisley Park Saturday 8th April Crowd: 800 (HT 1-0)

GOALS: I.Arsovski (AM) 28th, E.Masi (OK) 62nd, C.Boutsianis (OK) 91st.

YELLOW CARDS: S.Webster (OK) 45th, I.Razov (AM) 48th, F.Rosman (OC) 50th, K.Delev (AM) 71st, D.damianos (OC) 84th.

RED CARDS: None.

MAGIC: B.Jevdevic, L.Osman, D.Mladenovic (S.Zilic 80th), K.Delev, S.Mrkela, S.Becvinovski, T.Razov (A.Sherifovski 86th), I.Arsovski, I.Razov, D.Vasilevski (A.Opozo 81st).

CANNONS: S.Webster, S.Poutakidis, F.Rosman, A.Kovacic, S.Laurie, A.Pelikan, B.Damianos, E.Masi, S.Webster, P.Kakos (C.Boutsianis 59th), J.Nilo (G.Gianou 78th).

### SUNSHINE GEORGIES 0 – 0 BULLEEN ZEBRAS

Venue: Chaplin Reserve Sunday 9th April Crowd: 800 (HT 0-0)

GOALS: None.

YELLOW CARDS: A.Tsirtsakis (SG) 43rd.

RED CARDS: None.

GEORGIES: M.John, A.Tsirtsakis, D.Delic, C.Azzopardi, T.Waterson, (F.Richards 88th), V.Tricevski (E.Soares 75th), E.Muscat, M.Draycott, I.Filipovic, S.Kovacevic, T.Necesi.

ZEBRAS: T.Kovar, R.Antoniadis, S.Drakos, D.Vucinic (A.Fadijevic 15th), B.Harbinson, B.Coleski, C.Emsovski, S.Martin, R.Diaco (F.Tramontana 55th), H.Armenian (P.Kotsopoulos 76th).

### PRESTON LIONS 0 – 0 HEIDELBERG UTD

Venue: Epping Stadium Sunday 9th April Crowd: 3500 (HT 0-0)

GOALS: None.

YELLOW CARDS: E.Karahan (PL) 71st, Y.Galanos (PL).

RED CARDS: None.

LIONS: G.Gruesski, Z.Younan, S.Mathews (M.Gasparis 65th), E.Karahan, J.Majarovski, A.Magnacca, P.Siveski, Y.Galanos, B.Georgioski (S.Oksuz 64th), T.Davromil (P.Dimovski 82nd), S.Pace.

BERGERS: L.Acevski, R.Liparroti, P.Roberts, D.Jones, E.Vassiliadis, K.Brown, Y.Yusef, (S.Parissos 63rd), N.Sabljak, N.Marinov, J.Tricarico (L.Tsourmekis 63rd), S.Petrovic.

### SOUTH MELBOURNE 2 – 1 RICHMOND EAGLES

Venue: Bob Jane Stadium Sunday 9th April Crowd: 500 (HT 1-1)

GOALS: V.Korcarevski (RE) 19th, F.De Moraes (SM) 20th pen, S.Macnicol (SM) 83rd.

YELLOW CARDS: D.Djulbic (SM) 14th, T.Celentano (RE) 16th, S.Webster (RE) 30th, V.Korcarevski (RE) 30th, F.De Moraes (SM) 30th, D.Anastasiadis (SM) 30th, S.Di Vito (SM) 36th, S.Burton (RE) 61st.

RED CARDS: R.Tavancioglu (SM) 30th.

SOUTH: D.Anastasiadis, S.De Vito, V.Coveny (K.Nelson 51st), V.Natsioulas (S.Macnicol 69th), A.Oliviera, D.Djulbic, J.Salley, R.Tavancioglu, F.De Moraes (G.Tzirtis 85th), T.Baser, A.Nagliari.

EAGLES: R.Simioni, S.Webster, S.Burton, J.Baskerville, B.Beni, J.Raiher, D.Visevic (S.Sivic 46th), T.Celentano, V.Korcarevski (I.Ibraim 74th), G.Hockless (X.Sulemani 74th), J.Robinson.

### MELBOURNE KNIGHTS 0 – 1 FRANKSTON PINES

Venue: Knights Stadium Sunday 9th April Crowd: 1500 (HT 0-1)

GOALS: C.Jones (FP) 18th.

YELLOW CARDS: G.Talevski (MK) 35th, N.Antic (MK) 56th, C.Jones (FP) 67th, L.Tairi (FP) 74th.

RED CARDS: None.

KNIGHTS: A.Cagalj, N.Antic, C.Elvin, M.Maisano (A.Barusic 70th), G.Talevski, D.Matkovic, N.Caldwell, I.Klarica, L.Slatér, R.Casey (H.Matkovic 73rd), J.Kozic.

PINES: K.Mclvor, C.Leopold, T.Psonis, (L.Tairi 73rd), M.Anderson, J.Cummings, C.David, C.Jones, C.Metcalfe (D.D'Angelo 79th), C.Stewart, B.Ovcin (C.Patterson 30th).

## VODAFONE CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Kingston City SC	9	6	1	2	16	8 19
Altona Magic SC	9	5	3	1	16	10 18
Oakleigh Cannons SC	8	5	3	0	14	8 18
Heidelberg United SC	9	4	2	3	15	12 14
Bulleen Zebras SC	9	4	2	3	10	11 14
South Melbourne FC	8	4	1	3	9	10 13
Melbourne Knights SC	8	3	3	2	10	6 12
Essendon Royals SC	9	3	3	3	11	11 12
Frankston Pines SC	9	3	1	5	9	14 10
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	9	3	0	6	16	18 9
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	9	2	3	4	11	13 9
Sunshine Georgies SC	9	2	2	5	8	11 8
Preston Lions SC	8	1	3	4	10	16 6
Richmond SC	9	1	3	5	10	17 6

## LAST MONDAY'S MATCH - ROUND 8

### BULLEEN ZEBRAS 2 - 1 MELBOURNE KNIGHTS

### BULLEEN INFILCT KNIGHTS FIRST DEFEAT OF SEASON

Bulleen inflicted the Knights first defeat of the season with an impressive 2-1 win at the Veneto Club. Two goals from striker Ricky Diaco gave the home side their third win in a row and lifted them to fourth on the ladder as they confirmed their charge towards the finals. Diaco was the player who stole the show for the Zebras, each time he broke forward he looked as though he was going to score and it was only the last ditch tackle that saved the Knights from being beaten by a bigger margin.

As early as the 8th minute the signs were ominous for the visitors when a free kick from Chris Emsovski brought out a fantastic save from keeper Cagalj who tipped his shot over the crossbar. The dangerous Ben Harbinson was kept relatively quiet by the Knights defence and we had to wait until the 15th minute before he had any influence on the game only to be denied by the Knights keeper.

It was twenty minutes before the Knights top scorer Nathan Caldwell volleyed just over the bar and as they were just coming back into the game Bulleen hit the visitors with the opening goal in the 38th minute. Chris Emsovski delivered the ball to Armenian and his through ball to Diaco, who found himself one on one with the Knights keeper, just calmly slid the ball into the Knights goal, much to the delight of the outnumbered home fans.

The Knights almost got back on level terms straight after the goal when Goran Talevski found himself being given the ball by the

Zebras defence but his resultant shot missed the far post by the preverbal coat of paint, much to the relief of the home supporters. The goal seems to bring the Knights to life and they went very close to leveling the scores with a couple of guilt edged chances that they failed to capitalize on. Just before the half time break the Knights found themselves down to ten men when Tommy Matlalovic got himself sent from the ground after bring down Armenian as he was the only player between the Knights keeper and the goal leaving the ref no other option but to send the player off.

Despite being down to ten men at the start of the second half it was the Knights who showed more endeavor and Dario Matkovic brought the sides level in the 50th minute and now we were now looking forward to an explosive finish both sides did not let the watching fans down. Tackles flew in from all directions during the last half an hour of the game the referee almost lost control, their were a couple of tackles that more experienced officials would have maybe seen and dealt with straight away. Finally a second goal from Diaco in the 71st minute with a delightfully chip over the keeper from close range gave the Zebras all the points and showed the rest of the compation that they will now be a force to be reckoned with this season. The only downside to this victory for the Zebras was the late sending off, when Simon Hill found himself taking an early bath but fortunately it was to late for that to make any difference to the final score.

By Paul Jefferies

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Richmond SC	9	6	2	1	24	9 20
Green Gully Cavaliers SC	9	6	2	1	20	10 20
Sunshine Georgies SC	9	6	0	3	35	15 18
Preston Lions SC	8	5	1	2	19	18 16
Fawkner-Whittlesea SC	9	4	3	2	13	11 15
South Melbourne FC	8	4	2	2	19	11 14
Altona Magic SC	9	4	1	4	19	14 13
Essendon Royals SC	9	3	2	4	11	17 11
Oakleigh Cannons SC	8	3	1	4	18	15 10
Bulleen Zebras SC	9	3	1	5	12	22 10
Heidelberg United SC	9	2	3	4	14	19 9
Frankston Pines SC	9	3	0	6	15	23 9
Kingston City SC	9	1	2	6	14	29 5

## VODAFONE CUP

### ROUND 10

#### FAWKNER/WHITTLESEA

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#### PRESTON LIONS

Epping Stadium,  
Epping Mel: 182 C4

Friday 21st April  
KO 8.15pm

#### RICHMOND EAGLES

V

#### KINGSTON CITY

Kevin Bartlett Reserve,  
Richmond Mel: 59 A1

Friday 21st April  
KO 8.30pm

#### FRANKSTON PINES

V

#### SUNSHINE GEORGIES

Monterey Reserve,  
Frankston Mel: 99 K8

Saturday



## VODAFONE CUP

Round 9

**BOUTSIANIS SEALS WIN WITH LAST MINUTE HEADER****CANNONS TAKE THE LEAD WITH TOP OF THE TABLE WIN****Altona Magic 1 - 2 Oakleigh Cannons**

The Oakleigh Cannons should seriously contemplate dropping the Cannons tag for "Houdini", as the boys from Oakleigh scored their third injury time goal this year, to take all three points at Paisley Park on Saturday night.

Altona Magic and Oakleigh Cannons began their Round 9 Vodafone Cup clash as the only two undefeated teams remaining in the competition, and it seemed that both would remain undefeated after 90 minutes of football. However Victorian football

prodigal son Con Boutsianis' header in the 91st minute leaves the Cannons as the sole team in the Vodafone Cup with an unblemished record.

Both sides arm wrestled for the initiative early on, with neither midfield gaining ascendancy. Like two cagey prize fighters, the combatants refused to give an inch. It took until the 24th minute for the first opening to eventuate. A Cannons corner sailed between the arms of Bojo Jedicic, allowing an unmarked Kovacic to coast in at the

back post. Fortunately for Magic, Kovacic's free header sailed wide of the target.

Three minutes later, a looping cross from Magic's right flanker Ivan Razov honed over the Cannons defence zooming onto its intended target, Igor Arsovski with smart bomb precision. Arsovski's header lobbed over the stranded Webster, giving the home side the early lead.

The Magic almost doubled its lead in the 35th minute after a sharp Tomi Razov cross was sweetly volleyed first time by Daniel Vasilevski from 25 meters out. Vasilevski's thunderous strike was crashed on the upright by the outstretched Webster, who managed to get a fingertip on Vasilevski's rocket.

It was an uncharacteristic performance by the Cannons, as it took the visitors over an hour of football to create a clear-cut goal scoring opportunity. A through-ball by Bill Damianos in the 62nd minute finally pierced a dogged Magic's defence. Esala Masi ran onto Damianos's pass and coolly slotted home the equaliser from two metres out.

It seemed that both teams were destined to share the points, as both seemed to be overly preoccupied on not conceding a goal rather than scoring throughout the match. However a 91st minute cross from Oakleigh's attacking midfielder Anthony Pelikan picked out the former NSL marksman, Boutsianis. A delicate back header by the mid-fielder from the ensuing cross was enough to beat Jedicic, giving the visitors' the winner in injury time.

By Bruno Zovko



**Ken Murphy**  
Coach, Altona Magic:

It was a very tight, dull and dour affair...not too many openings, but I thought it was there for the taking...especially after we got our noses in front. We had a nice 15-20 minute spell where I thought we could have stretched it to 2-0...but we conceded two "weak" goals, so it was a little bit disappointing. We were very competitive with them and on any other day we are quite capable of beating them.

**Stuart Munro**  
Coach, Oakleigh Cannons:

It was a big game for us...we knew it was going to be a difficult game...I thought we started fairly well and then all of a sudden found ourselves a goal behind again...it's been the third or fourth time we've found ourselves in that type of position this year. I thought we played quite well in the first half hour...not a lot of chances between the two teams. After they scored they pretty much took control of the game until half time but in the second half I thought we played quite well, even though we didn't create too many clear cut chances. We were fortunate to get a goal in the end which gave us a win and we probably just shaded it. Obviously delighted with the win...even though it was a tight and hard fought game.

**Man of the Match**  
**Igor Arsovski**  
(Altona)



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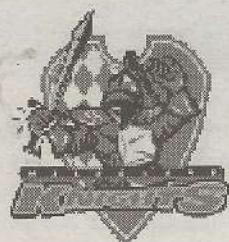
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# VODAFONE CUP

Round 9



## PINES SHOCK KNIGHTS WITH UNLIKELY WIN



CAMERON JONES WINNER GIVES PINES HOPE

### Melbourne Knights 0 - 1 Frankston Pines

Frankston scored a shock 1-0 victory on the road to Melbourne Knights on Sunday to keep in touch with the Vodafone Cup top six.

A first half strike from Cameron Jones proved the difference between the two sides in a match of near misses and plenty of frustrations.

After being unbeaten to round seven, the Knights have lost its past two matches and are suddenly teetering on the edge of the top six, while Frankston moved to within two points of Melbourne on the table.

After an even start, it was the visiting Frankston which stunned the home crowd by scoring in the first 15 minutes.

A routine back pass near the Knights byline was poorly negotiated by the defense, and Melbourne goalkeeper Adrian Cagalj was stuck out of position as Jones chipped in to tap in from close range.

The Knights were stung into action after the unexpected setback and immediately set about hunting for an equaliser, going close from a

header by Neven Antic in the 17th minute.

Despite the evenness of the contest, Frankston had a golden opportunity to double its advantage when Kristopher Paterson broke free of a defender inside the penalty area, only to have his powerful shot was brilliantly saved by Cagalj.

Each team had a handful of chances before the half time whistle, but the score remained 1-0 to Frankston.

After an uneventful first 20 minutes of the second period the Knights had the first genuine chance to score, but a Dario Matkovic cross narrowly eluded the head of Nathan Caldwell.

In the 68th minute Frankston had a chance to add to its advantage, but a free header from Cameron Leopold just cleared the cross bar.

Soon after Leopold was through on goal after a fast break, but Antic was on hand to thwart the goal scoring chance.

Frustration was increasing in the body language of the Knights, and substitute Hrvoje Matkovic

was yellow carded shortly after coming on after an off-the-ball altercation with Leopold.

With 15 minutes of normal time remaining, Caldwell was fouled on the edge of the 18-yard box, but the free kick was blocked and came to nothing.

The ball continued to be played in Melbourne's forward half as it searched for an equaliser, and it had a golden opportunity with five minutes to play.

A free kick sailed to the back post, and after some fancy footwork from Caldwell, his shot was headed for the bottom corner before Pines' defender Trent Malcolm stuck out a leg to clear off the line.

The deflection fell for Matkovic, whose volleyed attempt was blasted over the bar.

Both teams played out the last few minutes without a scare at either end, with the Pines holding on for a famous victory.

By James Taylor



Knight's Josip Kozic on the ball

#### Jo Biskic

#### Coach, Melbourne Knights

it was the same story again...it was a really important game for us...if we had won this one we would have been right up there...we switched off for a little bit and conceded a crucial goal. We tried to put pressure on them, but the more we tried to put pressure on them, the more we rushed things and made too many mistakes. We had three or four opportunities...but things didn't go for us. Frankston defended well and took the three points. If you don't focus for the full ninety minutes that's the way it goes. I'm disappointed...it was one of those days.

#### craig Lewis

#### Coach, Frankston Pines:

We finally put in a performance that we were doing at the start of the season, which had deserted us the past few weeks. We were very very pleased...we went out there to frustrate the Knights...they're a very good side...we were organised defensively and they just couldn't break us down.

#### Man of the Match

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# VODAFONE CUP

Round 9



## POINTS SHARED AS BIG DERBY ENDS IN DRAW



LOZANOVSKI SECURES SECOND DRAW OF HIS REIGN

### Preston Lions 0 - 0 Heidelberg Utd

Preston Lions and Heidelberg United have played out a 0-0 draw in front over 3000 spectators at Epping Stadium on Sunday.

In what is one of the Vodafone Cup's biggest matches on its football calendar both teams were unable to unlock each others defences and had to be content with sharing the points.

Both sides have experienced indif-

ferent starts to this year's campaign, but would be satisfied that the slow climb up the table is now taking course.

Heidelberg showed signs that it was suffering the effects of three games in the space of a week and although shone in patches, appeared a little flat at times.

The Preston Lions now under the leadership of Victorian football leg-

end, Goran Lozanovski, have now gone three games without defeat. Whilst the rest of the league will take a break for Easter, Preston will gear itself up for the postponed game against Oakleigh Cannons. That match is scheduled for Easter Monday at Epping Stadium. KO is at 3pm.

#### Goran Lozanovski

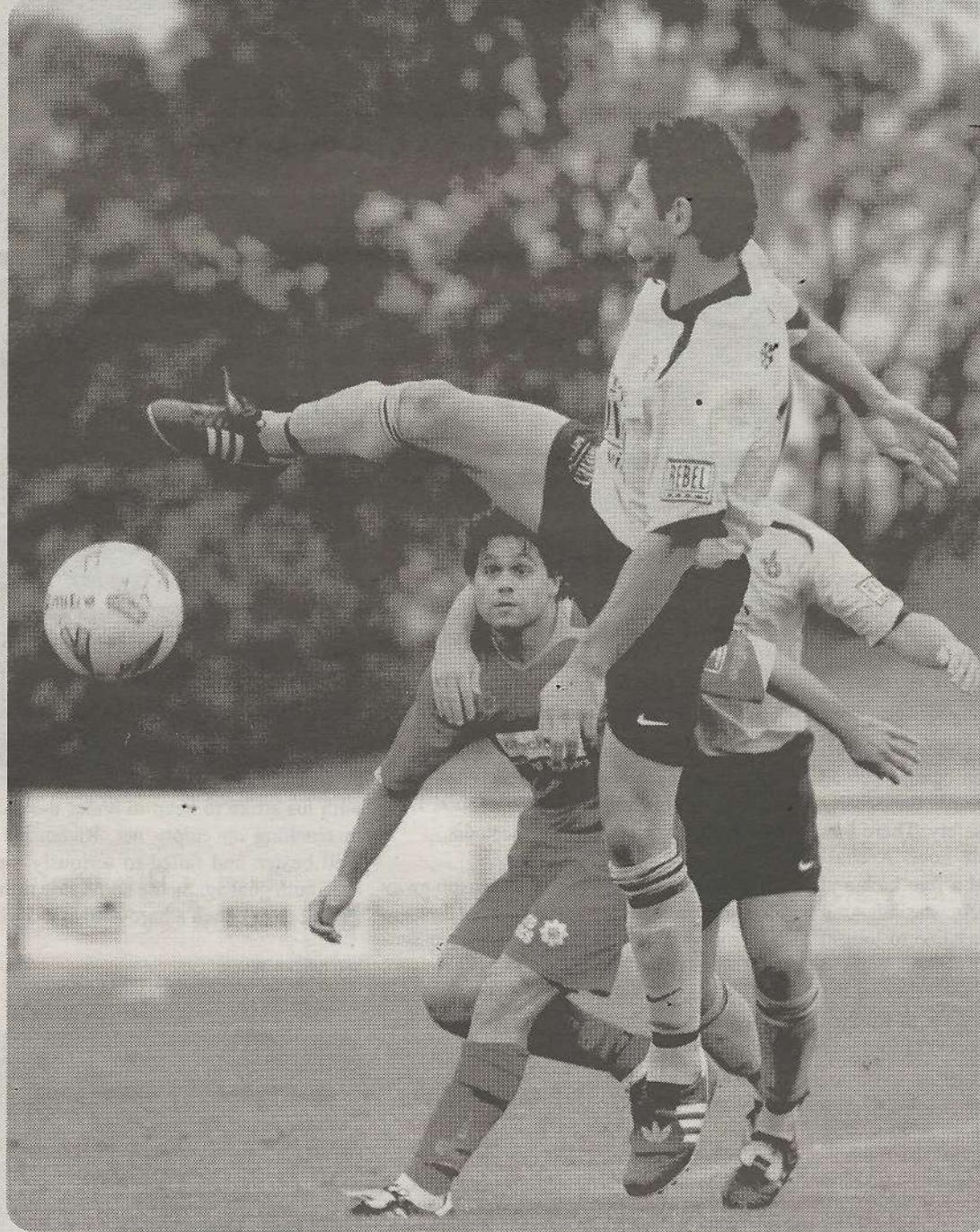
##### Coach, Preston Lions:

Not as good as a performance as last week...overall the most important thing was that we kept a clean sheet in the end...we got a point out of it which was vital. There weren't too many clear cut chances...Oksuz had a shot blocked from point blank range...we haven't lost in the last three weeks now, which is good.

##### Phil Stubbins

##### Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

If you look at the whole ninety minutes we were a little bit flat...we started the game and probably finished the game well, which was pleasing, but if you look at the gap in the middle, I thought Preston dominated for lengthy periods. I felt the three games in the week were probably just a little bit too much for our boys to bear. Overall, it was open game...I think Goran's got a good squad at his disposal...and they did give a good account of themselves. As the game panned out either team could have snatched it...even though we finished the game quite strongly...in the end a draw was probably a fair result.



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## BRAVE SOUTH FIGHTS BACK TO NOTCH UP WIN



**SOUTH BACK ON WINNERS LIST WHILE RICHMOND FAILS TO CLOSE DEAL**

### South Melbourne 2 - 1 Richmond Eagles

A 2-1 come from behind victory in favour of South Melbourne over Richmond closes Round 9 and sends the South boys on a well deserved Easter break.

The clash between South Melbourne and Richmond saw the away team begin positively enough, with James Robinson calling on Dean Anastasiadis to make a save after just four minutes. He had played a dangerous ball through to Veton Korcarevski, which Dino Djulbic cleared for a throw-in. Korcarevski received the throw, and laid the ball back for Robinson to strike from a slight angle. At the other end a minute later Brendan Beni was forced to clear off his own line from a corner when the ball was sliced across goal by a wayward clearance.

Korcarevski was troubling the South defence, while Richmond was having problems dealing with Fernando de Moraes. With fifteen minutes gone, de Moraes won a free-kick in front of goal, just twenty-two yards out. Robbie Simioni comfortably dealt with de Moraes effort with the dead ball.

Four minutes later came the opening goal of the game. Simon Webster played the ball up the line on the right, with Robinson and Korcarevski contesting with the South defenders. Korcarevski won the ball and raced into the box, twisting and turning before firing beyond Anastasiadis and giving Richmond the lead with the ball hitting the back of the net after striking the inside of the post.

The lead was to prove short lived, when Andreas Oliveira won South Melbourne a penalty when tackled just as he burst into the box just two minutes later. The spot kick was clinically converted by de Moraes and the sides were once again on level terms.



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Robinson and Korcarevski combined well again in response, Robinson being released out wide but his centre towards the penalty spot was hacked away to safety. There was drama aplenty on the half hour. A challenge by Webster conceded a free-kick and sparked an all-in brawl. Anastasiadis ran from his goal to the halfway line to join in the action. Both sets of substitutes entered the fray, with the scuffle occurring in the middle of both benches directly in front of a vocal grandstand. The biggest fallout was Rama Tavascioglu's dismissal.

Going down to ten men didn't deter South, and it had the better of the remainder of the half. Billy Natsioulas had a shot headed away by Tony Celentano. The lively de Moraes blazed a shot over with just two minutes before the break, which came with the score still 1-1.

With five minutes gone into the second period, a run and cross from Tansel Baser provided Antonio Naglieri with an opportunity, but he put the ball over the crossbar. Jonas Salley shot wide from long range,

before Richmond had a chance when Semir Sivic had a shot saved after receiving a lay-off from Robinson. A throw-in found Beni who forced a save from Anastasiadis.

A Korcarevski flick sent Robinson away after sixty-five minutes, and he went down in the box before he could shoot, referee Senko Rastocic waving play on. Kevin Nelson, brought on to replace Vaughn Coveny, shot wide after both he and marker Webster had slipped to ground. With just under an hour gone a Steve Burton free-kick saw James Baskerville head the ball onto the crossbar.

South Melbourne, despite their lack of numbers, were gaining the upper hand. Oliveira shot just over the goal, and not long after failed to connect cleanly with a volley from a cross by de Moraes. With eight minutes left, South took the lead. Left exposed at the back, Simioni rushed out to challenge an unmarked Nelson. Easing up slightly to avoid stepping out his area as the high ball approached, Simioni pushed the ball away only as far as Scott MacNicol who managed to keep the high bouncing ball down

**John Anastasiadis**  
Coach, South Melbourne:

We finally showed some fight and spirit after going 1-0 down...with only ten players and after losing our captain...the boys worked hard at it and it was very pleasing to get a very good result against a very good team...we're pretty happy after three or four weeks to finally get a positive result on the board.

**Dean Hennessey**  
Coach, Richmond Eagles:

Unavailable for comment

**Man of the Match**  
**Fernando de Moraes**  
(South)

with his strike to keep in under the crossbar in reaching an empty net. Richmond were well beaten and failed to seriously threaten the South goal again, the home side riding the game out to clinch a hard-fought 2-1 victory.

By Mark Boric





# VODAFONE CUP

Round 9



## DOOR BATTLE ENDS IN STALEMATE



**GEORGIES RUE MISSED CHANCES AS ZEBRAS KEEP UP FORM**

### Sunshine Georgies 0 - 0 Bulleen Zebras

Sunshine Georgies welcomed the high-flying Bulleen Zebras to Chaplin Reserve and put up a spirited performance in achieving a goalless draw in Round 9 of the Vodafone Cup. The Georgies had the better of the game for the most part and early on it was the hosts who were the team asking the questions with early efforts by Tony Niceski and Mark Draycott forcing the keeper into saves or just going narrowly wide.

The best chance of the opening stanza fell to Tony Niceski who found space and chipped the keeper leaving him helpless, however the ball bounced off the post and back into the arm of the grateful Bulleen custodian. Bulleen answered by pressing hard but the Sunshine defence had the measure and its forwards were not getting into particularly dangerous situations. As half time approached Sunshine had another near chance but it passed by and it was scoreless at the break.

This game probably should have been over at this point with Sunshine 2-3 goals to the good and there was a fear that not taking the opportunities might hurt the team in the second half. Sunshine coach Joe Montemurro



would have been happy with his sides' commitment at the half but would have wanted a more cutting edge up front with their finishing.

The second half started much as the first had

ended with Sunshine dominating the play without being able to give that final killer ball to unlock a resolute Zebra defence. Dusko Delic and Tony Niceski had chances and Fidel Richards looked very dangerous when he came onto the game midway through the second half. There was always a sense that if a goal was to come it would be from Sunshine.

Bulleen did have a few chances but they were mostly long range shots, which went well over Martin John's crossbar. The game did get a little scrappy and there were quite a few fouls and offsides as both teams tried to create something late in the game. It was not to be however and as the referee blew his whistle to end the contest it was still goalless.

All in all a point isn't a bad result for either side but Sunshine should be a tad disappointed they didn't get more out of a game in which they were by far the better team.

After the Easter break Sunshine makes the long trip down the Nepean highway to battle against the Pines in a game, which will go to cementing one team or another's mid-table status whilst Bulleen host Altona in a game that will be quite critical to the shape of the top five.

By Reuben Schembri

**Joe Montemurro**  
Coach, Sunshine Georgies:

Unavailable for comment

**Michael Michalakopoulos**  
Coach, Bulleen Zebras:

We were quite happy to get a result there...it's always very difficult to play at Sunshine...they came out really inspired and gave us a torrid time...they were probably unlucky to go up a couple of goals by half time...all credit to the boys who defended well...as a unit we kept going for 90 minutes...our back three were superb...effectively I wasn't very happy with the way we played...we gave the ball away far too much...but at the end of the day when you have an ordinary game and still collect a point, you can't be that disappointed.

**Man of the Match**  
**Tony Niceski**  
(Georgies)



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## FITZSIMMONS EFFORT ENOUGH FOR ROYALS



ESSENDON MAKES THE MOST OF AN UNDERMANNED GULLY

### Essendon Royals 1 - 0 Green Gully



Essendon took all the points in a 1-0 victory over Green Gully thanks to a goal from Steve Fitzsimmons late in the second half.

Last season's Champs Green Gully had at least six of their first eleven missing which included player/coach Andrew Marth who was sent off in a previous match.

This was Essendon's second win in row and coach Luciano Trani was delighted with his team's performance.

"Considering how undermanned Green Gully were I thought that they did well to give us a competitive game".

He added, "that was the first time we have two wins in a row, which is good, but now we will be looking for three after the break against Heidelberg".

Royals striker Henry Fa'Arodo, the Solomon Islander who was brought to the club to try and fill the void left by Michael Curcija, played his part looking dangerous early in the game and on a couple of occasions found himself one on one with the Gully 'keeper Pasi Schwalger, but unfortunately on each occasion he just did not have the composure to put the ball into the back of the Gully net.

The Royals coach was at pains to add "The break in the season has come just at the right stage of the season with the side sitting nice-

ly on twelve points and we are now where we want to be at this stage of the season".

Green Gully showed they have plenty of hope for the future but it was one of their regular players New Zealand international Jeff Fleming who did try to give his side some hope by trying to make his mark on the game, but the boys in Green were always outnumbered in midfield by the hard working Royals outfit.

Nearly all the Royals' forward moves always seemed to feature the dangerous Fa'Arodo and he was now settling into his role much to the joy of the small but enthusiastic crowd.

In the second half the match continued to be end to end football and Gully despite all the changes to their side still played some good passing football, reminding the watching public that they will be a force once they get back all their players.

Just as it seemed Gully had given a good account of themselves under trying circumstances and almost done enough to come away from the Veneto Club with something for its efforts, Fa'Arodo attempted to finish off a Royals build up with a solid angled crack at goal from just inside the penalty area.

Schwalger once again appeared to have won this particular personal duel and acrobatically blocked the Islander's effort. Unfortunately the saved rebound hung dangerously close to the goal-line and Essendon's Fitzsimmons won the race to head the ball past a desperate clatter of hands and bodies and into an inviting net.

The Royals now move on to play the in form Heidelberg United after the Easter break whilst the Gully will do battle in a local derby with the Melbourne Knights.

By Paul Jefferies



**Luciano Trani**

**Coach, Essendon Royals:**  
I think Gully had a lot of the ball in the first half and we gave them too much room... Marko Sutalo was forced to make a couple of very good saves... but once we started to pressure a little bit further up the park we forced them to turn the ball over... we also had a couple of good opportunities after that. I was really pleased with our second half and our performance showed we were capable of opening them up and creating a number of opportunities. Obviously from our point of view it was very pleasing to get two wins in a row which we hadn't done yet this year. We're aiming for the top six and need to stay in touch.

**Andrew Marth**

**Coach, Green Gully:**  
Obviously very disappointed in regards to the end result but I was extremely happy with the way we played. Unfortunately we could finish the opportunities that we created.... I thought we had a good four or five clear cut chances... but that's the name of the game, scoring goals, and they got more than us on this occasion. Our young boys really stepped up and did an exceptional job... I've got no doubt these boys will grow and become better players... but in the end it was the quality we were missing to go the next step.

**Man of the Match**  
**Michael Catalano**  
**(Royals)**

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# VODAFONE CUP

Round 9



## SPITERI DECIDES FIVE GOAL THRILLER

KINGSTON CONTINUES DREAM FORM IN VODAFONE CUP



### Kingston City 3 - 2 Fawkner-Whittlesea

Kingston City had to come from behind twice before overcoming a spirited Fawkner-Whittlesea Blues challenge to win 3-2 at the Grange reserve on Friday night, and regain top spot in the Premier League.

The Blues' matches this season have featured plenty of goals and excitement and this was no exception. This one included both a missed penalty and an unsuccessful penalty appeal in the dying moments.

The freewheeling Blues made the early front running with a fifth minute goal to defender Edward Awad who finished a Tony Sterjovski corner, the first home goal that Kingston had conceded all season.

Kingston was able to exert pressure in attack from the 20th minute mark when two Jim Latinopoulos crosses gave striker Michael Curcija good chances to score, one from an uncontested header just six metres out.

Curcija's uncharacteristic waywardness continued when he missed a spot kick, which he won after going down to a challenge from behind. The penalty kick rattled the cross bar and the rebound fell to Marcus Stergiopoulos who fired home the first equalizer from 12 metres on the half hour.

An injury to central defender Nick Tolios, and the absence of any defenders on the bench, forced a Kingston reshuffle with Latinopoulos becoming a makeshift central defender.



Fawkner's second arrived just before half time when striker Johnny Sapazovski controlled another Sterjovski cross with his chest and fired home from close range. Fawkner could have easily had a third before the break had it not been for Ricky Chillico's heavy first touch after Carl Rec-

chia had played him through the Kingston back three for a one on one situation with the keeper. Instead, Kingston keeper, Michael Turnbull was able to intercept before Chillico could shoot.

With both sides willing to attack at every chance, and both showing some defensive vulnerability, the second half promised more goals.

Kingston skipper Joe Spiteri led from the front and in the 55th minute, surrounded by three defenders just inside the box, he somehow worked his way into space and crossed low across the keeper for Joe Di Iorio to tap in the Kingston equalizer.

The Blues pressed forward into a strong wind with playmaker Carl Recchia becoming more involved in the game. However it was Kingston's Spiteri who stamped his authority on the game when, in the 75th minute, he turned with the ball at his feet and fired home a 20 metre drive with the outside of his boot. The shot cleared the raised arm of keeper Steven Tilovski to sneak in beneath the crossbar.



**George Katsakis**  
Coach, Kingston City:

From our point of view it was a scrappy game, but the boys showed character to get that winning feeling back. After going a goal down, I thought we've got to get back into it...and we did with an equaliser even though we missed a penalty through Curcija. We fell behind again, which was the worst period of the game for us...but we went into the break and regrouped and spoke about certain things...we managed to pull it back again and I thought we're still in this game...we ended up pinching it through a spectacular goal through Spiteri. I'm just ecstatic because the boys showed a lot of character and desire to win. From our behalf, we didn't play well at all...Fawkner were the better team...but when you're playing ordinary soccer and winning games that's a good sign.

**Tony Ciancer**  
Coach, Fawkner Blues:

I felt very disappointed for the lads... they played extremely well, probably the best we've played for a while. We created plenty of opportunities and dominated for most of the game. I think we did enough to have won it but Lady Luck appeared to have deserted us. We lead twice and Kingston only have the "men in black" to thank. I'm leaving this one for the match inspector. If he's doing his job properly we would see Lewis officiating in country Victoria or the Under 8's. As for us it's still early days yet and "Jonesy" and I believe in the boys...it won't be long before we turn the corner.

**Man of the Match**  
**Joe Spiteri**  
(Kingston)

It was Fawkner's turn to chase the game and they almost found an equalizer when Sapazovski's glancing header from a Michael Bosevski cross skimmed the top of the crossbar.

The game ended in controversy when the referee ignored the Blues' appeal for a penalty after a Kingston player appeared to handle the ball in the box.

By George Stogiannou

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# VODAFONE CUP

Round 6



## BERGERS FINALLY PUT THE LIGHTS OUT ON EAGLES



ABANDONED MATCH CONCLUDES WITH BERGERS SEALING WIN

**Richmond Eagles 0 - 3 Heidelberg Utd**

Abandoned game due to floodlight failure played Wed. 5th April.

Richmond and Heidelberg United re-started their Round Six clash with Richmond taking a goal kick at the Eastern End with thirty-three minutes on the watch, and most importantly, Heidelberg leading 2-0.

After three minutes of play on the night Lou Acevski was forced to save from Sava Rusmir, after Daniel Visevic had chased down a ball and laid it back to Ferjal O'Colmain who played in Rusmir.

Heidelberg countered with Nick Marinov being released on the left but shooting wide of the goal. Nick Sabljak then put a free-kick wide of the far post. After eleven frenetic minutes half-time came with the score still 0-2, and both sides having the rhythm they had just established lost.

With the commencement of the second half the game settled down, Richmond enjoying the bulk of the possession but Heidelberg carving out the more dangerous goalscoring chances. Josip Rajher, playing in midfield since the re-start, fired in two shots within a minute with an hour on the clock. Ten minutes later substitute Veton Korcarevski forced Acevski into a comfortable save despite a minor spill in the wet conditions.

Marinov struck the crossbar after seventy-eight minutes, unlucky not to add to the goal he scored in the first half two weeks earlier. A minute later Joe Tricarico, on for Albert Gjuni only eight minutes earlier, headed home a cross to seal the game at long last for Heidelberg.

Richmond gave a senior debut to Nick Kalamakis, as he and Craig Murphy came on for Brendan Beni and Visevic. There was to be no change to the scoreboard, the final result a 3-0 win to Heidelberg, with Eric Vassiliadis and Marinov having scored in the first part of the game back on March 17. The victory moved Heidelberg into the top four and left Richmond still searching for a home win after three attempts.

By Mark Boric.



**Dean Hennessey**  
Coach, Richmond Eagles:

I thought it quite a surreal experience on Wednesday night...it was a very strange situation to be in...I've certainly never experienced it...it was very difficult to come from 2-0 down...I suppose a lot of teams in Europe are used to it when they're playing a second leg in a tie...the onus was on us to score and Heidelberg came with a good set-up, they wanted to protect the lead and they did it well. Unless we scored it was always going to be that type of result.

**Phil Stubbins**  
Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

I felt Richmond put up a good effort. I was very happy with my boys and under the circumstances to keep a clean sheet was a job well done. At the end of the day, it was very pleasing to come away with a 3-0 result against a squad that in only a matter of time will start picking up points. To get three wins on the trot now is very advantageous for the club and it was good to see Joe Tricarico back and provide the boys with a goal. It was very positive and a big boost.

**Man of the Match**  
**Nick Sabljak**  
(Heidelberg)

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# STATE LEAGUE ONE

Round 2



State League One geared up for its second round of fixtures and the results threw up some interesting results and some quite big score lines, indicating who will be the stronger teams in the division this early on.

The round kicked off on Friday night where Altona East were guests at SS Anderson Reserve in Port Melbourne and where those in attendance saw the Port Melbourne Sharks sneak past Altona by the score of 1-0 in what was a well fought encounter, which saw both sides have their chances but Port capitalise on one.

Saturday saw four more games in the league and saw goals a plenty around the division one grounds. Down at Dunstan Reserve Brunswick City's exciting young forward Christopher Greechan dispatched Western Suburbs by a score of 2-0.

Down the Princess Highway in Lara, North Geelong mauled Northcote City 6-1 with goals by Adrian Cervinski (2), David Cervinski, Greg Saric, Tony Saric and Daniel Dragicevic. North Geelong easily accounted for Northcote whose lone consolation was smacked past Marijan Vunderl by Joannis Theofilopoulos.

There are ominous signs early on in the season for the other teams in this league and any team who has designs on winning this division will have to go through North Geelong and in fact they are my pick to take the trophy.

Out east there were also plenty of goals with



Lawton park the site of the game between home side Langwarrin who blasted four goals past Springvale White Eagles to register a 4-0 win. Goal scorers for Langy were Stuart Craig, Rados Tomic, Caleb Nichols and Liam Swain, a good outing for Langwarrin.

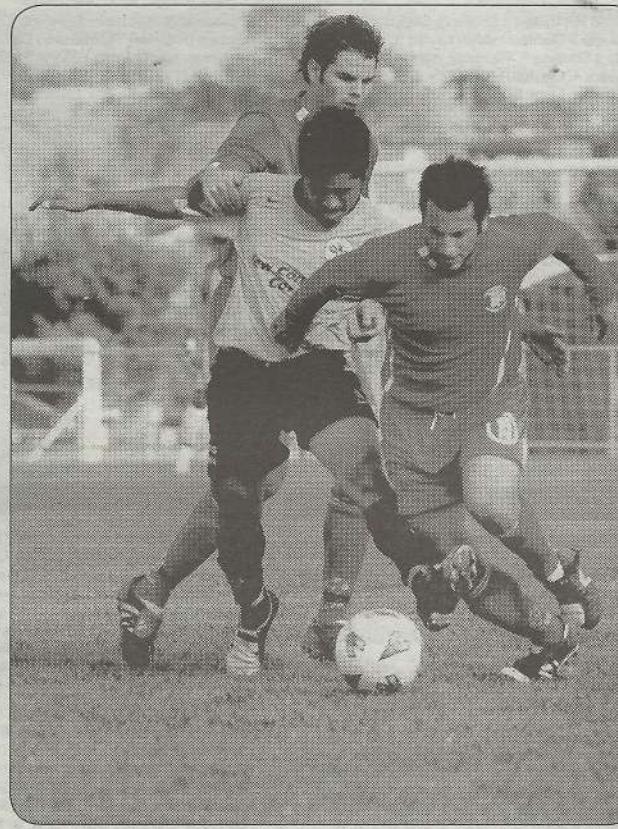
The upset of the round had to have happened down at the George Andrews reserve in Dandenong where the home side Dandenong Thunder was given a spanking by the Bentleigh Greens to the tune of 6-0. Goal scorers were Ben Cuggar, Ozan Kara, and doubles by Christopher Driver and Casper Janholt. Now consider this in their relegation from the VPL last season the Greens only managed a paltry 19 goals all season and so far this season in two weeks they have netted 6 goals. Could the tide be turning out at the Kingston heath?

Sunday's final game saw a spirited goalless draw between North Coburg United and the Saint Albans Saints down at Reddish Reserve. This is the first point of the season for both teams and should give them a platform for the rest of the season.

So after Round 2 everyone has at least one point for their troubles. North Geelong has already stamped its authority on the division with two wins and is playing some quality soccer. There were goals a plenty with eleven goals scored in Round 1 and a whopping 20 goals scored in Round 2. There's goals everywhere!

In Comparison 35 goals scored in the first two rounds of the VPL and 34 scored in the first two rounds of Division one, you be the judge.

By Reuben Schembri



## STATE LEAGUE ONE LADDER AND RESULTS

Port Melbourne 1 Altona East Phoenix 0, North Geelong Warriors 6 (A Cervinski 2 D Cervinski G Saric T Saric D Dragicevic) Northcote City 1 (J Theofilopoulos), Brunswick City 2 (C Greechan 2) Western Suburbs 0, Dandenong Thunder 0 Bentleigh Greens 6 (C Driver 2 C Janholt 2 B Cogger O Kara), Langwarrin 4 (S Craig R Tomic C Nicholes L Swaine) Springvale White Eagles 0, North Coburg United 0 St. Albans Saints 0

Port Melbourne 2 Altona East Phoenix 1, North Geelong Warriors 1 Northcote City 3, Brunswick City 2 Western Suburbs 1, Dandenong Thunder 2 Bentleigh Greens 0, Langwarrin 3 Springvale White Eagles 1, North Coburg United 3 St. Albans Saints 1

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Langwarrin SC	2	2	0	0	9	26
Dandenong Thunder SC	2	2	0	0	6	06
Brunswick City SC	2	1	1	0	4	34
Springvale White Eagles	2	1	0	1	4	33
Western Suburbs SC	2	1	0	1	3	23
North Coburg United SC	2	1	0	1	3	33
Port Melbourne Sharks	2	1	0	1	2	43
Northcote City SC	2	1	0	1	4	73
North Geelong Warriors	2	0	1	1	3	51
St. Albans Saints SC	2	0	1	1	3	51
Bentleigh Greens SC	2	0	1	1	2	41
Altona East Phoenix SC	2	0	0	2	1	60



# STATE LEAGUES


**Seniors**
**SOUTH EAST 2**
**Reserves**

Clifton Hill United 0 Southern Stars 3 (S Aydogan T Boi V Bontemps), Cranbourne Comets 2 (D Terek 2) Diamond Valley United 1 (A Cameron), Stonnington City 1 (M Manolis) Chelsea 2 (A Vulic C Di Petta), Waverley Wanderers 2 (M Panaghis A Strapellias) Doncaster Rovers 0, Clayton 1 Knox City 1 (M Orlando), South Springvale 2 (I Diniotis K Harbis) Eastern Lions SC 1 (M O'Connell)

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Dingley City SC	2	2	0	0	4	0
Waverley Wanderers SC	2	2	0	0	3	0
Chelsea SC	2	2	0	0	3	1
South Springvale SC	2	2	0	0	3	1
Cranbourne Comets SC	2	1	0	1	2	2
Knox City SC	2	1	0	1	1	1
Doncaster Rovers SC	2	1	0	1	1	2
Diamond Valley United	2	0	1	1	3	4
Clifton Hill United SC	2	0	1	2	5	1
Eastern Lions SC	2	0	0	2	1	3
Stonnington City SC	2	0	0	2	1	3
Clayton SC	2	0	0	2	0	2

Clifton Hill United 3 Southern Stars 1, Cranbourne Comets 3 Diamond Valley United 3, Stonnington City 3 Chelsea 2, Waverley Wanderers 0 Doncaster Rovers 4, Clayton 1 Knox City 2, South Springvale 2 Eastern Lions SC 0

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Stonnington City SC	2	2	0	0	6	3
South Springvale SC	2	1	0	0	5	3
Diamond Valley United	2	1	0	0	5	4
Knox City SC	2	1	0	1	5	4
Eastern Lions SC	2	1	0	1	5	3
Doncaster Rovers SC	2	1	0	1	5	3
Clayton SC	2	1	0	1	5	3
Chelsea SC	2	1	0	1	4	4
Clifton Hill United SC	2	1	0	1	3	3
Cranbourne Comets SC	2	0	1	1	4	5
Dingley City SC	2	0	0	2	4	7
Waverley Wanderers SC	2	0	0	2	1	9

**Seniors**
**NORTH WEST 2**
**Reserves**

Pascoe Vale 1 (A Kelic) Moreland City 0, Yarraville Glory 1 (R Dinse) Thomastown Devils 1 (J Montagnese), Maribyrnong Greens 0 Lalor United 2 (S Slavesci N Krstevski), Williamstown 1 Keilor Park 1 (P Tawaf), Banyule City 1 (K Vaskoski) Altona City 2 (F Memishi D Benac), Westgate 4 (D Murdaca 2 D Vasic M Savic) Westvale 2 (H Timotheou)

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Lalor United SC	2	2	0	0	5	0
Westgate FC	2	2	0	0	5	2
Keilor Park SC	2	2	0	0	5	2
Pascoe Vale SC	2	1	0	2	1	4
Banyule City SC	2	1	0	1	5	3
Westvale SC	2	1	0	1	4	3
Altona City SC	2	1	0	1	2	3
Thomastown Devils SC	2	0	2	0	2	2
Yarraville Glory SC	2	0	1	1	4	1
Williamstown SC	2	0	0	2	0	3
Maribyrnong Greens SC	2	0	0	2	2	6
Moreland City SC	2	0	0	2	1	5

Pascoe Vale 0 Moreland City 1, Yarraville Glory 1 Thomastown Devils 1, Maribyrnong Greens 3 Lalor United 0, Williamstown 1 Keilor Park 3, Banyule City 0 Altona City 0, Westgate 2 Westvale 2

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Keilor Park SC	2	2	0	0	7	1
Moreland City SC	2	2	0	0	3	0
Thomastown Devils SC	2	1	1	0	4	1
Westgate FC	2	1	1	0	4	2
Westvale SC	2	1	1	0	4	3
Maribyrnong Greens SC	2	1	0	1	3	4
Altona City SC	2	0	2	0	2	2
Yarraville Glory SC	2	0	2	0	2	2
Williamstown SC	2	0	1	1	4	1
Moreland SC	2	0	0	2	0	4

**ROUND 3 FIXTURES**
**State League 2 NW**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Westvale v Altona City McKechnie Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Keilor Park v Westgate Keilor Park Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Thomastown Devils v Maribyrnong Greens Epping Soccer Stadium  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Moreland City v Yarraville Glory Campbell Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Pascoe Vale v Banyule City Hosken Reserve

**State League 2 S/E**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Eastern Lions SC v Knox City Gardiners Creek Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM South Springvale v Doncaster Rovers Warner Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Chelsea v Waverley Wanderers HD Thomas Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Diamond Valley United v Stonnington City Parlington Flats  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Southern Stars v Cranbourne Comets Ross Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Clifton Hill United v Clayton Quarries Park (ex Yambala Res)

**State League 3 NW**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM La Trobe University v Geelong Latrobe Uni Lower Playing Fld  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Werribee City v Corio Galvin Park Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Ballarat v Western Eagles Trekardo Park  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Sydenham Park v Lalor Keilor Lodge Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM North Sunshine Eagles v Albion Rovers Larissa Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Geelong Rangers v Sunbury United Myers Reserve

**State League 3 S/E**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Berwick City v Heatherton United Jack Thomas Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Monbulk v Nunawading City Monbulk Recreation Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Mooroolbark v Morell Pegasus Esther Park Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Endeavour United v Fitzroy City Reema Reserve  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Templestowe Eagles v Frankston Strikers Wilson Reserve  
23 Apr 06 3:00PM North Caulfield v Sandringham City Caulfield Park

**Provisional 1 NW**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Laverton Park v Brimbank Laverton Park Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Avondale Heights v Melbourne University Rangers Doyle Street Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Elwood City v Mill Park Elwood Park

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Hume United v Hoppers Crossing Laura Douglas Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Darebin United v Melbourne City Mayer Park

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Glenroy v Plenty Valley Lions Strathnairn Reserve

**Provisional 1 S/E**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Monash University v Croydon City Arrows Monash University Sports Oval  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Noble Park United v Springvale City Vales Noble Park Secondary College  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Southern Suburbs v Rowville Eagles Keeley Park  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM White Star Dandenong v Carrum United Greaves Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Doveton v Brandon Park Waratah Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Riversdale SC v Warragul United Frog Hollow Reserve

**Provisional 2 NW**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Northern United v Whittlesea United Anderson Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Collingwood City v Uni. Of Melbourne Blues Kevin Bartlett Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Melbourne Tornado v Broadmeadows United Newmarket Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM South Yarra v West Preston Fawkner Park

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Northern Falcons v Moreland United Culliton Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Brimbank City v North City Lions Arthur Beachley Reserve

**Provisional 2 S/E**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Mitcham United v Old Trinity Grammarians Terrara Park  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Noble Park v Berwick Kings Norman Luth Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Lyndale United v Ashburton Lyndale Secondary College

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Seaford United v Beaumaris North Seaford Reserve

22 Apr 06 2:00PM Keysborough v Scotch Old Boys Coomera Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Old Xaverians v Old Melbournians Hays Paddock

**Provisional 3 NW**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Bell Park v Moreland Wolves Bell Park Sports Club  
22 Apr 06 3:00PM Light United v Ascot Vale Calabria Club

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Melton v Hallam MacPhersons Park

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Epping City v Youth United Duffy Street Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Watsonia Heights v Keon Park Gabonia Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Reservoir United v Meadow Park Cotchin Reserve

**Provisional 3 S/E**

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Dandenong Sparrows v Endeavour Hills Fotheringham Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Old Camberwell Grammar v Ringwood City Deepdene Park

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Eltham North v Old Brighton Grammarians Cedar Avenue (off Wattletree Road)

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Dandenong City v Dandenong Warriors Frank Holohan Soccer Reserve

22 Apr 06 3:00PM Old Carey v Caulfield United Carey Sports Complex (Wilcox Field)

**Seniors**
**PROVI 1 SOUTH EAST**
**Reserves**

Riversdale 0 Doveton 1 (S Sevin), Brandon Park 0 White Star Dandenong 0, Carrum United 0 Southern Suburbs 2 (R Nicovski 2), Rowville Eagles 5 (M Craciun 2 M Voinea 2 S Radu), Noble Park United 4 (D Stojanovic 2 M Selskis M Gotovac), Warragul United 1 (P McCluskey), Croydon City Arrows 1 (M Zoppo), Springvale City Vales 2 (M Puric D Rizvic), Monash University 0

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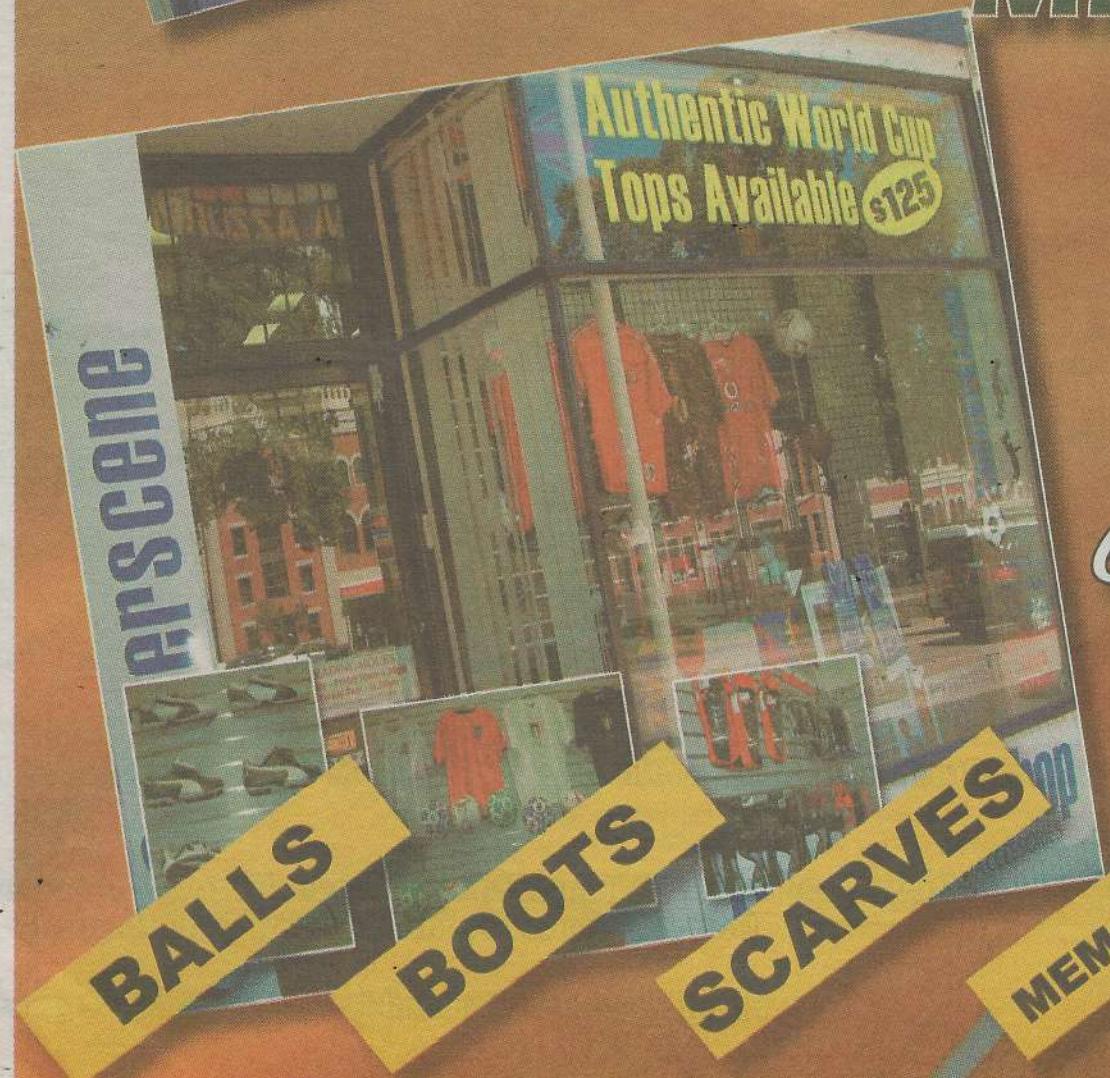
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Front Row: Igor Kolevski, Darren, Pece Cergovski, T



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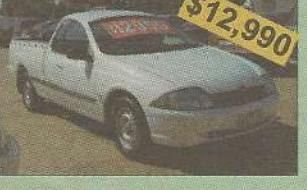
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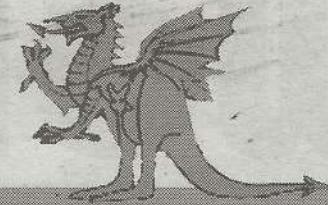
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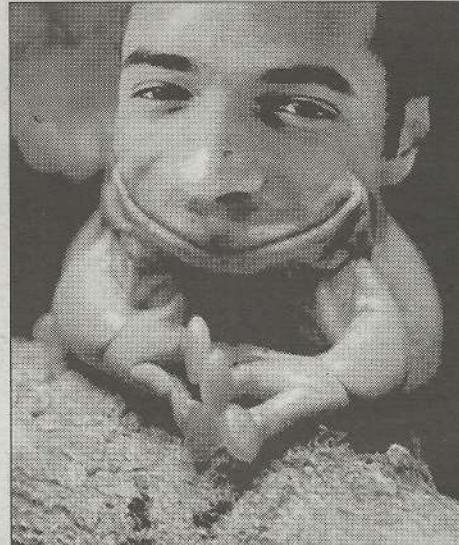
## a pom's home view



Despite scoring 19 goals and conceding only 1 in the last 5 Premiership games, Arsenal are having their worst league season under manager Arsene Wenger. However, this recent good form has made them favourites to finish fourth and claim a qualifying spot in the Champions League. But while they have struggled in the Premiership they have flourished in Europe and despite Wenger attempting to dampen down expectations his team are now favourites to reach the Champions League final.

Not wanting to miss an opportunity for an excuse, Wenger believes this season's success in Europe has been linked to their poor League and Cup form. Perhaps he had planned early Cup exits so his young team would have fewer games and concentrate on the ultimate competition in Europe. In Europe they have already surpassed their previous record of reaching the quarter-finals, and have knocked out giants; Real Madrid and Juventus and have recorded eight games without conceding a goal.

Their current position parallels that of European champions Liverpool last



### ARSENAL AWAIT THEIR FAIRY TALE ENDING...

season. They too had a disappointing Premiership campaign, and drew 0-0 with the 'Old Lady' in Turin to progress to the semis. But more significantly at the time they were still in major negotiations on trying to prevent their captain and most influential player to jump ship. Liverpool's European crown made it difficult for Steven Gerrard to

sever the bond and ultimately he opted to stay. The dilemma now faces Arsenal's captain Thierry Henry, who is yet to agree a new deal and has been linked to Barcelona.

Henry joined Arsenal from Juventus, where he had managed only three goals in 12 starts over seven injury-interrupted months playing on the left side of a five-man midfield. Arsenal must feel blessed that Henry's spell there was so underwhelming, although Wenger must have had some hand in developing him into one of the world's best players.

Wenger's great knowledge of French and French-African players has been demonstrated throughout his reign as manager, and he now controversially regularly fields a team of non-English players. With injuries and absence of new signings he has made impressive progress with his young team. Everyone had been pondering over whom would replace Patrick Vieira when he left for Juventus at the end of last season. To answer the question, in the first leg of the quarter-final against Juventus, last season's best buy, the young Spaniard Francesc Fabregas ran rings around

Vieira controlling the midfield.

Arsenal will now face Villarreal in the semis. Like themselves, the Spaniards are a team coming together at the perfect time and it would be no surprise if Villarreal's freshness were to pose greater problems than Juventus' imposing reputation.

Meanwhile, while Arsenal's North London rivals, Tottenham Hotspur currently occupies the Premiership fourth spot. It is another parallel with last season when Liverpool's rivals Everton finished above them in fourth. However, Liverpool had the last laugh, as they won the Champions League, and then went on to successfully qualify for this season, where as Everton failed miserably at the qualifying stage.

This season there's been a change of rules and should Spurs finish in forth spot and the Gunners go all the way and become European Champions. It will be Arsenal who will qualify automatically for the Champions League, and take Spurs' place.

By Richard Sucksmith

# UK FOOTBALL WRAP

### Spurs consolidate fourth spot with City victory

Written by: Stephen Sharp

**Tottenham Hotspur - Manchester City 2-1**  
Paul Stalteri gave Spurs the lead on 44 minutes, knocking in the rebound after David James could only parry a powerful shot by Robbie Keane, and they went up 2-0 four minutes into the second half as a cross by Teemu Tainio was turned in by Michael Carrick.

Three minutes later, a throw-in by Sylvain Distin went straight to Georgios Samaras who converted after catching Spurs asleep, but they got no closer and Spurs remained in position to claim the final Champions League spot.

**Portsmouth - Blackburn Rovers 2-2**  
Rovers took a severe hit in their bid for the Champions League, but got off to a promising start as Craig Bellamy made a great run at the heart of the Pompey defense before beating Dean Kiely for the opening goal.

Lomana LuaLua pulled Portsmouth level nine minutes later with another great individual effort, finding space before firing a shot beyond Brad Friedel, only for Bellamy to retake the lead for Rovers in the 62nd minute.

However, Svetoslav Todorov got on the end of a cross by Matthew Taylor in the 78th minute to score the equalizing goal, and earn Portsmouth a precious point in their battle against the drop.

**Wigan Athletic - Birmingham City 1-1**  
A late goal by substitute David Dunn earned Birmingham a valuable point away to Wigan at the JJB Stadium on Saturday.

After a scoreless first half, Andreas Johansson gave the Latics a lead in the 49th minute with a header after defender Paul

Scharner had headed a free kick across the area.

It was Dunn who got credit for the goal, but a fine run by Emile Heskey created the chance as the former England international striker did well to get by the Wigan defense and his cross was pinpoint for a sliding Dunn to put over the line.

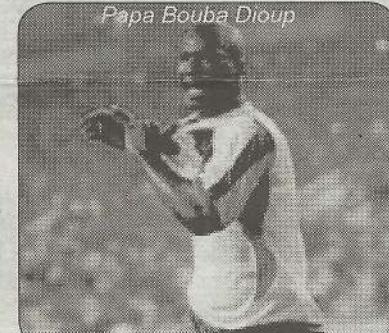
**Charlton Athletic - Everton 0-0**  
High-octane action was at a premium at the Valley as Charlton and Everton played out a rather drab goalless draw on Saturday.

Both sides are firmly rooted in the middle of the table, out of the relegation race and still with an outside chance of winning a spot in Europe.

**Sunderland - Fulham 0-1**  
After Brian McBride had given the visitors a lead just nine minutes in, the match at the Stadium of Light was suspended by referee Miké Riley due to snow.

The snow was melting on the pitch, making it incredibly waterlogged and Riley decided to call off the game in the 21st minute.

### Papa Bouba Diop to stay at Fulham



Written by: Jonathan Roorda

**LONDON -** Senegalese midfielder Papa Bouba Diop has extended his deal with English Premiership side Fulham, and will now stay in London until 2009.

The 28-year old, who earlier played for RC Lens in France and Xamax Neuchâtel and Grashoppers in Switzerland, joined Fulham in the summer of 2004. This season, the player has scored two goals so far. "I am glad he has tied his future to us, he forms an important part of my plans," said manager Chris Coleman about the player who scored the opening goal of the 2002 World Cup against title defenders France. Later that tournament, Diop would score another two goals.

### English FA charges Ashley Cole's agent

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

**LONDON -** The English Football Association has charged Ashley Cole's agent, Jonathan Barnett over attending a meeting with Chelsea officials in 2005.

Cole was said to have met with Chelsea officials in January of 2005, for which both he and Chelsea boss Mourinho were handed a 75,000 Pounds fine. As a club, the Blues also received a 300,000 Pounds penalty from the Premiership later last year.

Barnett is accused of 'illegal approaches to clubs by players under contract', as well as not respecting the rights of third parties (Arsenal).

The agent has until 20th to appeal, but whether he will is uncertain as both Cole and Chelsea chose not to respond in 2005.



### Klinsmann gives 'keeper nod to Lehmann

**MUNICH, Apr 7 (SW) -** Arsenal goalkeeper Jens Lehmann will be the starting netminder for Germany at this summer's World Cup finals, German coach Jürgen Klinsmann announced on Friday.

Bayern Munich goalkeeper Kahn has struggled in recent months with the national team, and with Lehmann in terrific form at Arsenal, Klinsmann felt that the move was necessary to ensure his side had optimal success this summer.

"It was the hardest decision of my time as coach," said Klinsmann on Friday. "After the game against the US (in which Kahn made a glaring error) we made an intense analysis of developments over the previous 22 months and then made a decision."

Speculation has now arisen on whether Kahn will continue to play with the national side or just focus on his job with Bayern. Both Kahn and Lehmann are 36 years old.

Lehmann has recently guided Arsenal to the semi-finals of the UEFA Champions League.

Source: Soccer Way

# WORLD FOOTBALL

## ARGENTINA CLAUSURA

Arsenal Sarandi - Olimpo 0 - 0  
Estudiantes- Gimnasia J 0 - 4

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Lanus	14	8	3	3	19	11	27
2 Gimnasia J	14	8	2	4	22	12	26
3 River Plate	13	7	4	2	28	15	25
4 Boca Juniors	13	7	4	2	23	11	25
5 Newells	14	7	4	3	20	11	25
6 Velez	13	5	7	1	16	9	22
7 Olimpo	14	6	3	5	17	14	21
8 Colon	13	5	5	3	16	15	20
9 Gimnasia LP	13	5	4	4	18	15	19
10 Estudiantes LP	14	5	3	6	18	23	18
11 San Lorenzo	13	4	5	4	11	11	17
12 Arsenal Sarandi	14	4	5	5	13	14	17
13 Independiente	12	4	4	4	13	9	16
14 Quilmes	13	4	4	5	11	14	16
15 Arg. Juniors	13	3	5	5	16	20	14
16 Banfield	12	4	1	7	15	19	13
17 Rosario	13	2	6	5	8	13	12
18 Tiro Federal	13	3	2	8	13	27	11
19 Instituto	13	2	2	9	10	27	8
20 Racing	13	1	3	9	5	22	6

## ITALIAN SERIE A

Livorno - Udinese 0 - 2  
Ascoli - Inter Milan 1 - 2

Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Juventus	32	24	7	1	61	20	79
2 Inter Milan	32	22	5	6	61	25	71
3 Milan	32	22	4	6	70	26	70
4 Fiorentina	32	18	7	7	53	35	61
5 Roma	32	17	9	6	58	32	60
6 Chievo	32	12	8	6	46	38	48
7 Lazio	32	11	13	6	44	42	46
8 Palermo	32	11	11	10	42	43	44
9 Livorno	33	11	11	11	33	38	44
10 Sampdoria	32	10	8	14	43	43	38
11 Ascoli	33	8	14	11	36	42	38
12 Parma	32	10	8	14	36	51	38
13 Siena	32	9	9	14	37	50	36
14 Udinese	33	9	8	16	33	49	35
15 Reggina	32	9	8	15	32	50	35
16 Empoli	32	9	6	17	37	55	33
17 Cagliari	32	7	11	14	33	46	22
18 Messina	32	5	13	14	29	46	28
19 Lecce	32	6	6	20	24	49	24
20 Treviso	32	2	10	20	17	45	16

## SCOTTISH PREMIER LEAGUE

Aberdeen - Hibernian	1 - 0						
Falkirk - Dundee United	1 - 0						
Hearts - Dunfermline	4 - 0						
Livingston - Inverness	2 - 1						
Rangers - Motherwell	1 - 0						
Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Celtic	32	26	4	2	84	30	82
2 Hearts	33	19	8	6	64	27	65
3 Rangers	33	18	8	7	59	34	62
4 Hibernian	33	16	4	13	56	45	52
5 Kilmarnock	32	14	9	9	58	52	51
6 Aberdeen	33	12	12	9	39	36	48
7 Motherwell	33	12	8	13	50	55	44
8 Inverness	33	10	13	10	45	38	43
9 Dundee United	33	7	11	15	39	58	32
10 Falkirk	33	6	7	20	31	61	25
11 Dunfermline	33	5	8	20	26	63	23
12 Livingston	33	3	6	24	20	72	15

## SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

Hamilton - Clyde	2 - 0						
Airdrie United - Queen of the South	1 - 1						
Brechin - St. Johnstone	0 - 2						
Stranraer - Dundee FC	1 - 1						
Ross County - St. Mirren	0 - 2						
Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 St. Mirren	33	21	7	5	49	26	70
2 St. Johnstone	33	17	11	5	55	30	62
3 Ross County	33	14	13	6	47	37	55
4 Hamilton	33	14	12	7	50	38	54
5 Clyde	33	15	9	11	50	41	48
6 Dundee FC	32	8	16	8	39	45	40
7 Airdrie United	33	9	11	13	50	40	38
8 Queen of the South	33	6	11	16	26	48	29
9 Stranraer	33	5	13	15	32	48	28
10 Brechin	32	1	9	22	23	68	12

## SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

Raith Rovers - Dumbarton	0 - 0						
Stirling Albion - Forfar	3 - 1						
Morton - Partick Thistle	1 - 0						
Gretton - Peterhead	3 - 1						
1 Gretton	31	25	4	2	85	25	79
2 Morton	33	19	6	8	54	32	63
3 Peterhead	33	15	6	12	48	45	51
4 Partick Thistle	33	14	9	10	52	52	51
5 Stirling Albion	32	14	6	12	51	53	48
6 Raith Rovers	33	11	8	14	42	50	41
7 Ayr United	33	8	12	13	49	55	36
8 Forfar	33	10	4	19	41	52	34
9 Dumbarton	32	7	5	20	34	52	26
10 Alloa	33	6	8	19	34	74	26

## SCOTTISH THIRD DIVISION

Queen's Park - Montrose	2 - 2						
Elgin - Arbroath	4 - 1						
East Stirling - East Fife	2 - 1						
Cowdenbeath - Albion Rovers	2 - 1						
Berwick - Stenhousemuir	3 - 0						
Team	T	W	D	L	Gf	Ga	Pt
1 Cowdenbeath	33	22	3	8	72	31	69
2 Berwick	33	21	6	6	51	26	69
3 Stenhousemuir	33	21	4	8	71	34	67
4 Elgin	33	14	7	12	51	53	49
5 Queen's Park	33	12	11	10	43	38	47
6 Arbroath	33	13	7	13	51	46	46
7 East Fife	33	12	3	18	45	60	39
8 Albion Rovers	33	7	19	36	54	26	26
9 Montrose	33	6	9	18	29	53	27
10 East Stirling	33	6	5	22	27	81	23

## GERMAN BUNDESLIGA

Stuttgart - Nurnberg	1 - 0</td

# WORLD FOOTBALL

## SPAIN

### Real Madrid draw with Sociedad, Valencia beat Celta

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

MADRID - Valencia moved into a shared second place in the Spanish Liga as Real Madrid dropped two valuable points against Real Sociedad.

#### Real Madrid - Real Sociedad 1-1

Real Madrid failed to take three points at Santiago Bernabeu on Saturday. Brazilian striker Ronaldo opened the score for the hosts in the 26th minute, but Mark Gonzalez levelled for the Basques in the 62nd.

Real's Guti was handed two yellow cards within two minutes, and was sent off in the 87th.

#### Celta de Vigo - Valencia 0-1

Valencia needed only a single goal from Miguel Angel Angulo on the half hour mark to win at Celta de Vigo. The Bats now share the second place with Madrid. Both have 59 points from 32 matches.

#### Malaga - Getafe 1-2

A goal from Veljko Paunovic put Getafe ahead after 19 minutes, but Pablo Counago equalized in the 50th. Paunovic would get the winning goal however, scoring for 1-2 in added time.

#### Cádiz - Real Betis 1-1

Lucas Lobos converted a penalty kick to open the score in Cádiz' advantage after 69 minutes, but Marcos Assunçao eventually levelled for the Andalucians in the 89th.

## FRANCE

### Lyon ever closer to fifth straight title

Written by: Stephen Sharp

LYON - Lyon continued their march to a fifth consecutive title on Saturday with a victory over Nice, but the bigger story was the race for third place that became really interesting with a bundle of teams in the mix.

#### Lyon - Nice 2-1

Reeling from a heartbreak in the Champions League against AC Milan, Lyon jumped out quickly, grabbing the lead in the 21st minute as Fred found the back of the net.

Nice, though, weren't to be pushed around by the runaway French leaders, and they found themselves level in the 37th minute as Ederson beat Grégoire Coupet in the Lyon goal.

Lyon were not to be denied as Florent Malouda netted the winner six minutes after the second-half restart and now Gérard Houllier's men can make sure of the title next week with a win next week at PSG.

#### Bordeaux - Saint-Etienne 0-0

Bordeaux could have moved eight points clear in second place, but a draw at home against



Lyon's Florent Malouda

Saint-Etienne left the door open for other clubs to come closer.

#### Nancy - Lille 0-0

Lille, who are currently in third place by a margin of two points also had a golden chance to extend that advantage but were held by Nancy.

Lille now have five clubs within four points of them, two of them - Rennes and Auxerre - not playing until Sunday.

#### Lens - Paris Saint-Germain 1-1

Two of those sides are Lens and PSG, who played to draw but only after a late penalty rescued the home side.

Bonaventure Kalou had given PSG the lead in the 78th minute, but Mario Yepes foul had him sent off a minute from time and Jussie converted the spot kick to earn the point for Lens.

#### Monaco - Marseille 1-0

Marseille now sit three points back of Lille after falling to defeat away to struggling Monaco.

In-form striker Ernesto Chevantón's goal in the 28th minute was all that Francesco Guidolin's team needed to grab three points.

#### Ajaccio - Toulouse 1-0

At the other end of the table, Ajaccio crept off of the bottom with a win over Toulouse.

Kaba Diawara scored in the 65th minute to send Ajaccio to a much-needed win, but they still remain five points from safety with just four matches to play.

#### Metz - Troyes 2-4

Metz, meanwhile, went back to the foot of the table after falling in an offensive showcase against Troyes.

An own goal by Metz's Carl Medjani gifted Troyes a lead in the 28th minute before Sébastien Dallet doubled the advantage in the 52nd minute.

Abdelnasser Ouadah got Metz within a goal on the hour mark, but further strikes from Benjamin Nivet and Sébastien Grax extended the Troyes lead to 4-1 before Babacar Gueye got a late consolation goal for Metz.

#### Strasbourg - Nantes 0-1

Strasbourg are also five points away from the safety zone after being beaten at home by Nantes on Saturday.

A goal by Aurélien Capoue in the 29th minute was all Nantes needed to condemn Strasbourg to defeat.

## GERMANY

### Werder Bremen still alive after win over Bayern

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

BREMEN - Bayern Munich failed to practically secure the German Bundesliga title as the Bavarians were defeated 3-0 by main rivals Werder Bremen.

#### Werder Bremen - Bayern Munich 3-0

An own goal from Bastian Schweinsteiger put Werder ahead in the 33rd minute, and Bayern never really recovered from that setback.

Daniel Jensen added a second goal to decide the match in the 79th minute and Tim Borowski scored a third in the 83rd.

The difference between Bayern and Werder is now seven points with five matches left to play.

#### Kaiserslautern - Hertha BSC 0-2

Hertha visited Kaiserslautern and took three

points back to Berlin following a 0-2 victory. The goals came from Marko Pantelic in the 14th minute and Gilberto in the 26th.

#### Borussia Dortmund - Bayer Leverkusen 1-2

Bulgarian Dimitar Berbatov put Bayer in the lead after 21 minutes, but had his goal cancelled out six minutes later by Markus Brzinskia. The winning goal was for the guests however, and was scored by Paul Freier in the 50th minute.

#### VfB Stuttgart - Nurnberg 1-0

Stuttgart had a narrow win over Nurnberg, and needed until the 80th minute to break the deadlock. The deciding goal came from Danish striker Jon Dahl Tomasson. Nurnberg's Glauber was handed a second yellow card in the 62nd minute.

#### Arminia Bielefeld - Eintracht Frankfurt 1-0

Arminia hosted Eintracht Frankfurt in Bielefeld and a single goal from Heiko Westermann in the 68th minute was enough for three points.

#### Mainz 05 - Hannover 96 0-0

No goals were scored at Mainz versus Hannover, which means that Mainz are still not safe from relegation. The team is placed 14th, only two points ahead of the relegation zone.

#### Cologne - VfL Wolfsburg 3-0

Cologne left the last place with a 3-0 win over Wolfsburg, who are 15th in the Bundesliga. All goals were scored late in the match, as Scherz opened the score in the 77th minute, with Helmes adding a second one minute later. An own goal from Sarpei ended all hopes for VfL in the 81st minute.

### Schweinsteiger move to Rangers impossible: Felix Magath

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

MUNICH - Bayern Munich manager Felix Magath is not willing to sell Bastian Schweinsteiger to Scottish side Glasgow Rangers at the end of this season.

The 21-year-old is in the spotlights of Paul Le Guen, who is to take over in Glasgow this summer.

Magath is not likely to cooperate however, despite recent reports of disagreements with the player: "Have Rangers found a pot of gold? It is unthinkable that we'd sell Schweinsteiger. You never say never, but we don't want to sell.

"In any case, I don't think a move to Glasgow Rangers would be right for him."

## ITALIAN SERIE A

### Wins for Inter and Udinese in Serie A

Written by: Jonathan Roorda

ASCOLI, Apr 8 (SW) - Internazionale continue to battle for the second place in the Serie A. At Ascoli, the Nerazzurri came back from behind for a 1-2 victory.

#### Ascoli - Internazionale 1-2

A converted penalty from Michele Ferrante broke the deadlock for Ascoli in the 21st minute, but Julio Cruz levelled in the 51st, also from the penalty spot.

Five minutes later, it was Mihajlovic to put Internazionale in the lead, and the hosts would not recover during the remaining 34 minutes.

Julio Cruz was given a yellow card in the 86th minute, and another in the 87th, due to which the player had to leave the pitch prematurely.



Inter coach Roberto Mancini

#### Livorno - Udinese 0-2

Livorno are a step further away from playing in Europe next year as result of a 0-2 defeat by Udinese.

Vincenzo Iaquinta opened the score in the 35th minute, and Cesare Natali added a second in the 52nd. Goalscorer Iaquinta was sent off in the 66th minute.

### UEFA chief remains wary of G14 breakaway

Written by: Francisco Barreto

ZURICH - UEFA chief executive Lars-Christen Olsson claims that the G14 still harbor plans to form a breakaway European super league.

Olsson said: "G14 are always insisting they are not going to form a breakaway competition from the Champions League but nevertheless they have changed their statutes to say that they can now organise their own competitions.

"I believe they are creating a smokescreen to hide their real ambitions and we should not underestimate that some of their clubs would like an alternative competition, perhaps similar to the NFL franchise in the USA with guaranteed participation."

"They can do so of course if they want to - but it means they would not be allowed to take part in the domestic competitions organised by their national associations."

The G14 group of Europe's 18 top clubs has sued FIFA, claiming that the world football body must compensate clubs for injuries sustained to their players when on international duty. The group is also demanding that a share of FIFA's profits from the World Cup to be paid to the clubs that supply the players.

Olsson added: "I tend to judge people on what they do and not so much what they say. So if you have a claim from the G14 clubs, written down on paper, in a court case in Charleroi demanding 860 million euros for compensation for players released for international duty then I take that very seriously."

"G14 have tried to distance themselves from that figure but they have not withdrawn that claim from the court."

"Now we hear they are asking for another 200 million euros from FIFA for payment for players in the World Cup. That takes their total claim to more than 1 billion euros and this is a challenge that everyone in football should take seriously."

"The 18 clubs in G14 want more money. I believe the split in the money at the moment is right. The clubs get the money from the club competitions and the associations from the finals of the World Cup and the European Championships."

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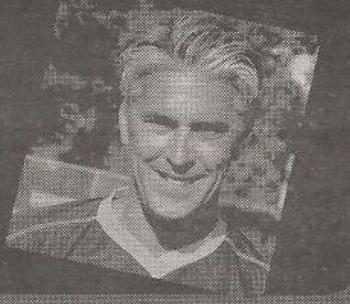
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Victorian soccer legend Eddie Krncevic represented Australia 35 times and scored 17 goals. He played professionally in Europe for Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia), MSV Duisberg (Germany), Mulhouse (France) and Anderlecht, FC Liege, Aalst and Charleroi in Belgium. Eddie writes for Goal Weekly every fortnight.



Greetings football fans,

It's good to be back with you again in Krncevic's Krunchlines after being away the last few weeks. I've recently just returned home after spending the past five weeks in Europe on a footballing visit. I hear there's been some great matches played in the Vodafone Cup recently and I look forward to enjoying some of the action this weekend and catching up with some of my local soccer pals.

## EUROPEAN TRAVELS

Whilst on my travels I visited Germany, Belgium and the UK, and it gave me a good chance to touch base with what's going on abroad. I must say I was impressed with what I saw and it was evident the level has risen since last year.

There appears to be quite a few young and interesting players coming through the ranks who seem to have a good future in the game.

When I was in England I managed to take in the Chelsea v Portsmouth game and was introduced to Roman Abramovich. I must say he was a pleasant gentleman indeed and

we shared very interesting conversation regarding football and Chelsea's recent success.

Believe it or not readers, the success of Australia's World Cup qualification and the A-league is causing quite a few people in Europe to really take note of what we're up to "Down Under".

One man that wasted no time in making his intentions known to me was the Chairman of Portsmouth, Milan Mandaric, who expressed that he is seriously keen to invest in the NZ Knights.

Speaking of our friends across the Tasman, for those who are unaware, I'm now helping out with recruitment for the Knights, and I'm proud to announce that we've signed up two players from the Vodafone Cup in Jonas Salley (South Melbourne) and Simon Kovacevic (Sunshine Georgies).

I'm a great believer in giving young talent a go at the top level and I only have to mention Grella, Bresciano and Colosimo, who were 18 year olds when they were given their first crack at top flight football when I was coach at Carlton as testimony to that.

You might have already heard that the Knights have already signed Kingston City's impressive 'keeper and ex-Scotland international, Scott Gemmell as well.

As you can see last year's wooden spooners are wasting no time in gearing up for a serious campaign in this season's A-league and is busy during the off-season compiling a squad that will hopefully make a better impression on the competition than it did last year.

## SOCCEROO SEND OFF

It's been absolutely magic to see the Melbourne Public get behind the upcoming Australia versus Greece match in what promises to be a wonderful send off for the Socceroo's departure for the World Cup in Germany.

I suppose one could also bill the match as the Champions of Oceania against the Champions of Europe.

If one dares to dream like the Greeks did in 2004, maybe, just maybe, our boys could come back as the Champions of the World.

It will be interesting to hear what advice Otto Renhegle will share with us when he graces town.

I'm also hopeful the FFA have plans to incorporate the squad of '74 and other past Socceroos for that matter, in all the ceremonies.

With Germany being the destination once again for our World Cup destiny, I couldn't think of a more fitting occasion to recognise the feats of previous achievements and a chance to pay tribute to those who have worn the Green and Gold in days gone by. While it's very exciting how the code is moving forward at such a tremendous pace we must not forget our history and the contribution by so many who dedicated so much.

To all Victorian football fans, I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter.

Until next time,

Eddie.

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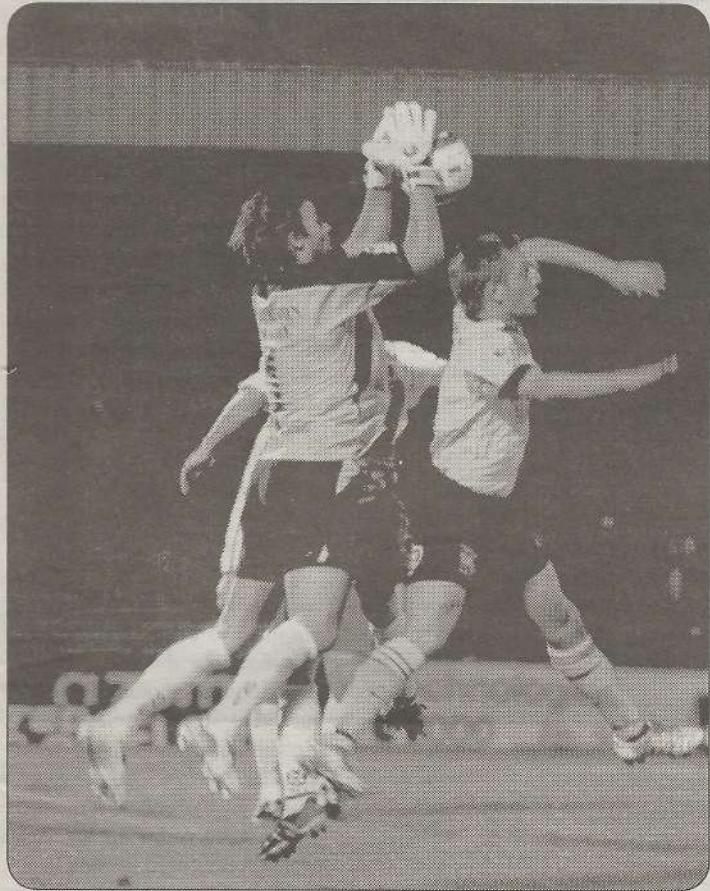


OUR APOLOGIES DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES LAST WEEK WE WERE UNABLE TO BRING YOU THIS REPORT. ED.

WARRIORS SHOOT  
DOWN KINGSTON

BERGERS DO THE DEED ON 10-MAN REDS

## Heidelberg Utd 2 - 1 Kingston City



Heidelberg Warriors won an exciting battle at the Olympic Village inflicting a 2-1 defeat on Kingston City and preventing the visitors from reclaiming top spot in the Premier League.

Heidelberg, playing with Nick Marinos in the lone striker role looked to play on the counterattack early in the game. Kingston welcomed back Con Anthopoulos into a back four and were still without Joe Di Iorio who started on the bench.

Kingston began confidently and forced a couple of early corners. Heidelberg worked their way into the contest as Nick Sabljak started to find space in front of the Kingston back four and exert his influence on the play. Yusuf Yusuf was providing some width in attack down the right flank for the Warriors.

Both sides created few chances in the first half. The closest the Bergers came was an audacious Sabljak free kick from close to the edge of the centre circle. The shot produced a spectacular Michael Turnbull

save on 15 minutes.

At the other end, Kingston skipper Joe Spiteri missed a good chance to head home an Alex Kiratzoglou cross from the left when he couldn't keep his effort down from the edge of the six yard box. Just before half time both players combined in a role reversal with Spiteri supplying the cross for Kiratzoglou to miss from just inside the six yard area.

Heidelberg were fighting hard in the middle with midfielders Keith Brown and Slobodan Petrovic working hard to choke Kingston's supply through the middle.

Kingston began the second half pushing defender Steve Iosifidis into the midfield to even the midfield contest. However the Bergers made an immediate impact after play resumed when Sabljak picked up the ball in midfield and delivered a pass down the inside right channel to Marinos who took the ball to the by-line and cut the ball back across the six box. Kingston defender Nick Tolios, retreating at full stretch, managed to get boot to ball only to watch in anguish as his attempted clearance deflected the ball past his keeper Turnbull.

Marinos was at the heart of the next significant event in the 48th minute when Yusuf's long pass found Marinos turning past the last defender Con Anthopoulos. Marinos went down under Anthopoulos's challenge and referee Dimir Basic showed the red card to the Kingston defender.

A ten man Kingston went on the attack and in the 58th minute, Tolios was able to redeem his own goal when he played a perfect pass on to the head of Spiteri whose textbook header gave Kingston the equalizer.

A Sabljak corner in the 77th minute delivered Heidelberg's second when Marinos outjumped his opponents to head accurately past Turnbull.

In a frantic last 15 minutes both teams created chances to add to their tally. Heidelberg substitute Jim Drossos robbed Steve Iosifidis and fed Petrovic only for Kingston keeper Turnbull to foil the Bergers' midfielder in a one on one.

Kingston substitute Joe Di Iorio was also in with an excellent chance to equalize when he received a Spiteri pass in the 88th minute only to miss kick his shot past the post from eight yards.

In the end Heidelberg was able to hold off a determined effort by a 10 man Kingston to clinch all three points.

By George Stogiannou

Man of the Match  
Nick Sabljak  
(Heidelberg)

Phil Stubbins  
Coach, Heidelberg Utd:

"It was a fantastic win for our boys...Kingston have certainly got a good team on paper and in patches they were very very good...at the end of the day we got the rub of the green...and over the course of ninety minutes we probably deserved it. As a team we performed on the night and we got the job done."

George Katsakis  
Coach, Kingston City:

"I thought it was ordinary first half from both sides...we seemed to be quite flat, our level of intensity was poor...it was only until we conceded the early goal we woke up and took the game to a different level...our boys absolutely turned it on with ten men and we seemed to turn it around...I thought the draw was inevitable...but of course to no avail because at the end of the game we lost 2-1. A lot of credit must go to my boys because we created a lot of chances in the forty minutes we played with ten men."



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# STATE LEAGUES



## MATCH REPORTS

### COMETS PINCH IT AT THE DEATH

**Cranbourne Comets 2**  
**Diamond Valley 1**

Blustery conditions at Comet's Stadium on Saturday made life difficult for both sides but nevertheless they turned on entertainment worthy of a higher league, with the home side prevailing with a goal late in the game.

Comets opened with a rush and Korkaric tested Guler in the opening minute and Tarek put the home side ahead after only 2 minutes, with the Valley's rickety defence once again at fault.

Comets were well on top with Clayton Bell and Stefan Cicarelli dominating the midfield the Valley back-line was hard pressed to hold out Korkaric, Terek and Rudzki. However Stuart Laing and Ben Love along with Glen Davie gradually settled things down and Valley came more into the game. ergo Ergin made his mark in the midfield and Alan Cameron and Sefgi Murat began creating problems for the home defence where Kustura was outstanding.

Kevin Unwin suffered a heavy knock in the 26th minute and was replaced by new signing Tony Giuliani. Korkaric had a near miss and at the other end Alan Cameron was brought down in the area and duly converted the ensuing penalty kick.

There was little between the teams and the first half ended with honours even.

Playing against the strong wind, Comets were the first into attack and Valley had a narrow escape when Terek broke clear. Valley suffered another blow when love went off with an Achilles injury and was replaced by Shaun Wilhelm. Stuart laing was having an absolute blinder and Wilhelm also made his presence felt. In the mid part of the half Valley enjoyed a spell on top and whenever Comets ventured forward Laing, Davie, the impassable Murat and Mursel Molat both had chances while Korkaric at last got free of the valley backline, but was foiled by Guler.

As the game looked like ending in a draw, Comets got a free kick on the left and for once the Valley backline was all at sea and Terek netted the winner 2 minutes from time.

To complete Valley's misery, new signing

Tony Giuliani was sent off for an incident behind play.

Valley's young reserve team lost two goals in the first three minutes of play but showed great strength and character to fight and gain a 3-3 draw. The youngsters were boosted by the appearance of "man-mountain", Joe Fedele.

Goalscorers: Simsek, Innes and Raynes. The league takes a break for Easter which gives the Valley boys plenty of time to work out how to stop giving away cheap goals.

By Gordon Kirkwood

### DESERVED WIN GIVES BRUNSWICK THREE POINTS

**Brunswick City 2**  
**Western Suburbs 0**

Brunswick City beat Western Suburbs in their first home game of the season in quite convincing style. The crowd of approx 300 witnessed a fast game played on the new look pitch at Brunswick which is sporting more grass than usual.

The Brunswick boys took the initiative and in the very first minute showed their aerial prowess when Fagg's header just missed the target. Greechan opened the scoring in the 14th minute when he latched onto a nice cross from Oliveira and scored with a bullet like header. Brunswick's impetus continued with numerous more chances exposing the aerial deficiencies of the Western Suburbs back line. Fagg's header was well saved in the 28th minutes whilst Zach's header two minutes later from a corner was just wide of the intended target. Brunswick's new signing, Greechan, was causing real havoc for the visitor's defence and was probably unlucky not to score again in the 36th minute when his solo run and shot was just wide of the upright. Karkaltsis would have been quite content with his boy's efforts whilst his counterpart Michael Hatzitritonos would have been seething at the efforts of his team.

Western Suburbs came out in the second half a new look team and immediately put Brunswick under pressure in their own defensive third. The nucleus of many of the forward thrusts put together by Western Suburbs was

Lorentz Kindtner. Unfortunately for the visitors the momentum showed signs of fading when Western Suburbs had a player sent off in the 52nd minute reducing them to ten players. Some timely substitutions and fresh legs gave Brunswick the ascendancy in the latter part of the second half. Greechan sealed the result in the 82nd minute when he latched onto a cross from Squillaciotti rocketing the ball into the net. The visitors rallied but their shooting was off target on too many occasions handing Brunswick first blood for their season 2006 challenges.

Goalscorers: C. Greechan (2) 14', 82'  
Best: Greechan, Jackson, Fagg, Squillaciotti

Line up: Morales, Fagg, Zach, Danos, Galea, Squillaciotti (87' J. Vouloumanos), Jackson, Tsimiklis, Oliveira (78' C. Vouloumanos), Greechan, Ayoub (77' Stafrace)

Reserves: The reserve team came from a 0-1 deficit at the major break to record the first win of the season 2-1. An early lapse in concentration between the defence and goalkeeper allowed the visitors to take the lead. After the break a rejuvenated and more disciplined outfit took the park with immediate impact. Skeoch scored his second goal in consecutive matches after latching on to loose ball in the six yard box to equalise in the 49'. Brunswick continued to build momentum whilst Western Suburbs was hell bent on diffusing it. In the end the more dogged and attacking Brunswick scored through James Sherman in the 81' giving the home side a deserved 2-1 win.

### KINGS OPEN 2006 ACCOUNT

**BERWICK KINGS 1**  
**MITCHAM UNITED 0**

Berwick has recorded its first win of the 2006 season with a hard fought 1-0 win over Mitcham United.

Going against a strong wind in the first half, Berwick was set a difficult task. The first ten minutes of the match consisted of many long kicks, headers and throws from both teams just trying to gain field advantage.

In the 28th minute Berwick was dealt a blow when their captain Kecojevic was sent off. He initially made slight contact with the legs of the Mitcham keeper who dramatically threw himself backwards. Kecojevic was not impressed with this, pushed him in the face and told him what he thought. The Mitcham keeper again threw his body backwards onto the ground in front of the referee. Despite the obvious diving performance there was no tolerance for contact to the face and Kecojevic was shown a red card.

This physical, scrappy kind of game continued for the rest of the first half. Forwards Askaraba and Stojilovic did not have any time and space to get through the Mitcham defence and attacking wingers Djordjevic and Jovanovic were caught up in midfield. A man down, there did not seem to be anywhere a Berwick goal could come from.

In the second half Berwick looked to use the wind to their advantage with some long kicking. Adamovic had a shot from a free kick 50 yards out which was flying towards the top of the net and produced a good save. In the 56th minute he tried again this time from just in front of the half way line. The wind took the shot goalward and bounced just in front of the goalkeeper, over his head and into the net to give Adamovic the goal and Berwick the lead.

Igor Ivanovic and Deny Tintor controlled the defence and continued to keep Mitcham out during the second half. As the final whistle approached it appeared as though Berwick were going to survive despite being one player down, until in the 86th minute they went two down. Never away from controversy, Kruno Stanisic blocked the ball as the Mitcham keeper kicked it out of his hands. This earned him a second yellow card (he had been booked earlier in the half for a bad tackle) and he was sent off.

Despite a final push from Mitcham, Berwick held on to their lead to produce a tough win against the odds and show off what great fighting spirit they have.

By Shana Morgan



## A-LEAGUE NEWS

### MILES IN FRONT AS VICTORY ANNOUNCES CEO

Melbourne Victory has made perhaps its most important signing ahead of the second Hyundai A-League season by announcing Geoff Miles as the club's first full-time CEO.

A former Victorian Sheffield Shield cricketer and Commerce Law graduate, Miles spent seven years as CEO of the then Victorian Soccer Federation between 1996 and 2003, leading the sport through a period of significant change and growth. He brings with him an enormous wealth of experience not only with football specifically, but also in the wider sports and events industry and in business management.

Miles said: 'I am very excited about this role and it is a privilege to become part of

Melbourne Victory at a time when there are such enormous opportunities for the club and the sport. I have great confidence in the potential of Melbourne Victory because of the outstanding support from a passionate football community in Victoria, and Victoria's fanatical sport and event loving public, who have embraced the club in its inaugural season.

'The support of the State Government and MOPT who have committed to building a new stadium at Olympic Park, the positive impacts of World Cup qualification and participation in Asia, and the commitment of global giant, Samsung, as major sponsor of the club, are very positive influences on our prospects for future success.'

'I look forward to working with all Melbourne Victory stakeholders to achieve our vision of becoming the leading Hyundai A-League club both on and off the field; Victoria's international sports club through participation in the Asian Champions League; and a club of which all Victorians can be proud.'

Victory Chairman Geoff Lord highlighted Miles's record of achievement as a sports administrator and his local knowledge of football as outstanding attributes.

'We are very privileged to acquire the services of someone with Geoff's obvious experience and talent,' Lord said. 'We've taken some time to make our announcement because the quality of the field of

applicants was so high. However, it was a unanimous decision by the board to appoint Geoff and we welcome him on board at a very exciting period for our club.'

Lord also paid tribute to outgoing interim CEO, John Harris.

'I'd personally like to thank John Harris for his outstanding work with the club on behalf of everyone associated with Melbourne Victory. He built a wonderful rapport with all stakeholders and despite being with us for only a short period, he's left a great legacy.'



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# Katsa's Korner with George Katsamboukas



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The above number two is not a misprint or a typing error, it means something, and it will become a sore point for all Vodafone Cup club committees.

Each week I will publish a number, which represents the number of weeks it has been since a Vodafone Cup coach has been sacked, or resigned. By the way, Coaches usually can see the writing on the wall and resign before they get sacked, which looks better on the resume. Sorry, let me rephrase that, smart coaches can usually see the writing on the wall and resign before they are sacked.

The idea of displaying a number was adopted from a tradition at Old Trafford, home of Manchester United. I was fortunate enough to visit Old Trafford two years ago and they have displayed at one corner of the ground, high up on one of the stands, a number.

This number represents the number of years that it has been, since their arch rivals, Manchester City, have won at Old Trafford. This tradition will be adopted in Katsa's Korner, but will only be for Vodafone Cup coaches. If I adopt this for the coaches of all the Victorian leagues, the number zero would be permanently displayed on here.

Telephone Companies have reported a large increase in the number of calls between Vodafone Cup players and administrators during the last week. With the transfer window closing at the end of April, club administrators are frantically trying to strengthen their squads.

Winter has certainly set in this week, and it is having a bad effect on crowd figures at the matches being played. Out come the thermals for another long season, E-Tag topped up, and I'm ready for another season. Thankfully, Johnnie Walker has renewed his sponsorship with me and inner warmth is assured.

Winter also brings with it, windy conditions and wet playing surfaces. These conditions mean that more goals will be scored. There's nothing like a high scoring game on a cold winter afternoon/night.

A challenge facing many top level Clubs is how to develop young players who will form the back bone of their teams in years to come. Pressure from fans and committees, who de-

mand immediate results, certainly makes it very difficult for coaches to throw youngsters in at the deep end for much needed match experience.

My theory has always been that the best eleven should get on to the park, irrespective of age. Young players have to earn their positions based on their ability and more importantly, remain patient until that opportunity arises.

One club that I have admired over the years, for the number of young players that it has developed and has gone on to not only play senior soccer for it, but to also secure overseas contracts, is the Melbourne Knights.

The Knights is miles ahead of other clubs in terms of the number of its players that have gone on to play overseas, and its formula is one that perhaps other clubs should be adopting. However, the current structure of the junior leagues, the lack of a Youth League at a national level and the large jump that a youngster has to make between junior and senior soccer, makes it difficult to produce good quality youngsters.

I've had many requests from players, club officials and supporters for me to mention them in Katsa's Korner. I have checked with my assistants (pictured) and they will not allow me to publish specific names of people, unless they have done something out of the ordinary, preferably humorous. The ball is in

your court!

On a lighter note, a recipe for disaster for any club is when Boo and I attend a game together. We caught up at Stonnington City's first game last weekend, where after a close game, Doncaster Rovers won and Boo was looking around for my assistants, as he believed that this would be a perfect opportunity to be photographed with them.

Domestic duties prevented them attending; sad end for Boo. Moral to the story, if any clubs playing at home think that they will win with Boo and me there, think again, better you bite the bullet and refuse entry to one of us.

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## BAYSIDE LEAGUE WRAP



Croydon Ranges can do no wrong so far this season after another very impressive performance, this time against Knox City Harlequins in Round 2 of the Bayside Premier League.

After belting seven goals past Mt Lilydale Old Collegians in Round 1, Croydon followed that up with a 3-0 win away to Knox City. A key man in this goal spree is Lee Sylvester who has already scored four in just the first two rounds.

Another team that has also made sure it has a 100% winning record is Western Port Wanderers after traveling to Bayswater Strikers and scoring three past its hosts. Like Croydon, Western Port needed to start the season strongly after both teams had slow starts last season, which halted any chance of winning the league title. So far Western Port has scored six goals and only conceded one with Blake Edwards scoring three of those six.

Peninsula has proven to be a very competitive side in the opening two rounds after gaining promotion. However Peninsula yet again failed to score a point after Boronia Knights defeated

it 2-1. Boronia is the third and last team not to concede a loss and is currently sits third on the league table.

Mt Lilydale must be wondering what hit them in Round 1 after losing 7-0, but the Old Collegians quickly made amends with a stunning 2-0 victory away to Pines Condors. The Condors are surprisingly struggling so far and it is not getting any easier this week when they travel to Croydon for Round 3.

Finally Hampton Park United put star striker Shane Tagliaferro to good use as he was able to score a brace against Rosebud to help the 'parkers' win 3-1. A much needed victory for Hampton Park who struggled in the preseason cup and lost in Round 1 to Knox City.

The Bayside Premier Reserves have Hampton Park B on top as the only team to win in both rounds as they notched up victory over Rosebud. Bayswater Strikers occupies second position.

Langwarrin has moved into top spot of the Division 1, and they are already the only team to have won both the opening two round matches. Langwarrin was able to score five past Frankston Outlaws. The Baxter Eagles hold second place, while Mornington Power celebrated hard after finally breaking what is believed to be a year long drought when it defeated Boronia Cavaliers.

Parkmore is slaughtering the opposition in Division 2 with another huge scoreline of 7-1

over AC Milangy. There is no question that Parkmore is just too good to be in this division after switching across from the Amateur Soccer Leagues. The Cranbourne Comets Gold is keeping Parkmore in sight with another victory of their own when they knocked over Endeavour Sporting 4-2.

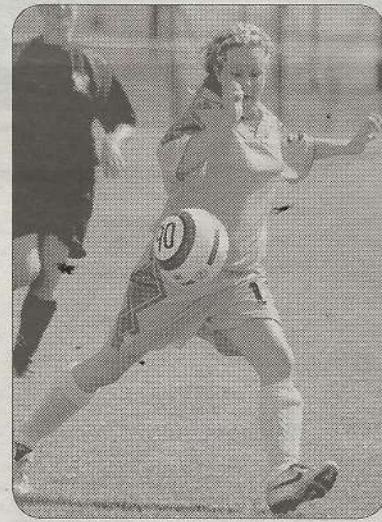
The Rosebud Dinosaurs are heading the pack in the Division 3 with a 6-0 win over Frankston Pines. Montrose B is holding second place after they were held to a draw by Seaford Untied.

The Women's league had only one match, but it was one that could have gone either way when Hampton Park United hosted the Frankston Filles. Hampton Park United was able to secure the victory with a 1-0 result.

By Steve Gray

### BSL TABLE

	Pld	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
1 Croydon Ranges	2	2	0	0	10	0	10	6
2 Western Port	2	2	0	0	6	1	5	6
3 Boronia Knights	2	1	1	0	2	1	1	4
4 Hampton Park	2	1	0	1	5	4	1	3
5 Rosebud	2	1	0	1	3	4	-1	3
6 Knox City	2	1	0	1	3	5	-2	3
7 Mt Lilydale	2	1	0	1	2	7	-5	3
8 Bayswater	2	0	1	1	0	3	-3	1
9 Peninsula	2	0	0	2	2	4	-2	0
10 Pines Condors	2	0	0	2	1	5	-4	0



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# WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Round 6



After six rounds of the Vodafone WPL, Box Hill Inter and Heidelberg United continue to lead the way, with Sandringham, Ashburton and Cranbourne all close behind.

Cranbourne Comets put its recent slump behind it with a 3-0 victory over struggling South Melbourne. There was nothing to separate the sides at half time, but three strikes in the second half secured Cranbourne's third win of the season. After six rounds, South is still without a point, and this was the first time since the last match of season 2004 that it failed to find the back of the net.

Bendigo Vipers suffered its heaviest ever WPL defeat on Saturday, going down by six goals to Box Hill Inter. It has been a back week for Bendigo, which has gone from being undefeated and near the top of the table, to conceding ten times without scoring in its past two games. By contrast, the victory ensures Inter maintains its perfect record for the season, and it continues to lead the way on the ladder.

Following on from its defeat of Bendigo, Eastern Lions made it two wins on the trot with a victory over Eltham North. A single goal was enough to secure the points for the Lions, and its third win of the year. The result lifts Eastern Lions to seventh while Eltham, after its third defeat of the year, finds itself ninth.

A second half goal blitz put the icing on Keilor Park's victory over Preston Lions, as Keilor con-

tinued its revival after an indifferent start to the year. With the match delicately balanced at 2-1 in Keilor's favour at the break, the home side scored four goals without reply to take the points with a 6-1 result. Keilor's second successive victory lifts it to sixth while Preston remains tenth on the ladder, with just one win from its six games to date.

Sandringham drew for the second week in a row, this time sharing the points with Ashburton. Both sides scored once in the match, which ended all square. There is little to separate the teams on the ladder either, with Sandringham continuing to hold onto third position, now with eleven points, while Ashburton is just a point further back.

Heidelberg United kept up the pressure on Box Hill Inter at the top of the ladder as it chalked up its fourth victory of the season, defeating bottom side Brimbank by nine goals to nil. United remains in second place on the ladder, two points behind Inter, while Brimbank is in the less desirable position of twelfth, at the foot of the ladder. It was Brimbank's second successive nine goal defeat, and it has now conceded 35 goals without scoring.

The WPL now takes a week's break for Easter, resuming on Saturday 22nd April when Brimbank hosts a resurgent Keilor Park side at the Italo-Australian Social Club. Also on the Saturday, Bendigo Vipers will look to put its recent slump behind it as it welcomes Eltham North to Strathfieldsaye Sports Complex, while Sandringham faces its toughest WPL match to date, taking on Heidelberg United at Spring St Oval. On Sunday, South Melbourne will be in search of its first points of the season when it hosts Preston Lions at Bob Jane Stadium, and Eastern Lions will be aiming to make it three wins in a row against local rival Ashburton at Gardin-

ers Creek Reserve. The fixture is rounded out with a rematch of last season's Grand Final, with table-topping Box Hill Inter travelling to Comets Stadium to take on an inconsistent Cranbourne Comets side.

By Niki Cook



## ROUND 6 RESULTS

Bendigo Vipers 0 Box Hill Inter 6 (B Pacella 2 A Lawless K Smith A McMillan A Sinclair), Eltham North 0 Eastern Lions 1 (A Meldrum), South Melbourne 0 Cranbourne Comets 3 (L Terek S Cifentus M Alegria), Heidelberg United 9 Brimbank 0, Keilor Park 6 (K Nicolaci 3 B Mehmet M Camilleri T Hussein) Preston Lions 1 (S Lovett), Ashburton 1 (A Gibney) Sandringham 1 (E Avram)

Bendigo Vipers 3 Box Hill Inter 1, Eltham North 0 Eastern Lions 0, South Melbourne 1 Cranbourne Comets 2, Heidelberg United 6 Brimbank 1, Keilor Park 8 Preston Lions 0, Ashburton 1 Sandringham 0

## WPL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	APT
Box Hill Inter	5	5	0	0	20	315
Heidelberg United	5	4	1	0	28	513
Sandringham	6	3	2	1	17	311
Ashburton	5	3	1	1	23	410
Cranbourne Comets	5	3	1	1	14	710
Keilor Park WSC	5	3	0	2	17	159
Eastern Lions	6	3	0	3	8	79
Bendigo Vipers WSC	5	3	0	2	12	149
Eltham North	6	2	1	3	4	87
Preston Lions	6	1	0	5	5	243
South Melbourne	6	0	0	6	8	310
Brimbank WSC	6	0	0	6	0	350

## ROUND 7 FIXTURES

BRIMBANK  
V  
KEILOR PARK  
Italo-Australian Social Club,  
Sunshine Nth Mel: 26 E5  
Saturday 22nd April  
KO 1pm

BENDIGO VIPERS  
V  
ELTHAM NORTH  
Strathfieldsaye Complex,  
Club Court, Bendigo  
Saturday 22nd April  
KO 2.30pm

SANDRINGHAM CITY  
V  
HEIDELBERG UNITED  
Spring Street Oval,  
Hampton MEL:77 A12  
Saturday 22nd April  
KO 3pm

SOUTH MELBOURNE  
V  
PRESTON LIONS  
Bob Jane Stadium,  
Albert Park MEL:2K F6  
Sunday 23rd April  
KO 1pm

EASTERN LIONS  
V  
ASHBURTON  
Gardiners Creek Reserve,  
Burwood MEL:60 J8  
Sunday 23rd April  
KO 1pm

CRANBOURNE COMETS  
V  
BOX HILL INTER  
Comets Stadium,  
Cranbourne MEL:133 G6  
Sunday 23rd April  
KO 1pm

## TOP SCORERS

Avram, Evgenia 6  
De Boer, Michelle 6  
Pacella, Belinda 4  
Erenli, Seyma 4  
Lovett, Sarah 4  
Pannella, Belinda 3  
Terek, Leigh 3  
Nicolaci, Kylie 3



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# BOO'S WORLD

A satirical look at the World of Football according to Mark Boric

Sad to hear about the death of Gene Pitney this week. As a youngster I listened to *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance* and wondered why Liberty was never signed by a top club if,

"When it came to shootin' straight and fast, He was mighty good."

Melbourne Victory are getting a new ground. The Australia-Greece game selling out the MCG. The two major football stories in the state this week.

New ground. MCG sell-out. New ground seats 20,000. MCG sold out. When you think about it the new ground capacity may be a little small if the game continues to grow at the current rate.

Still it gives the FFV administration the chance to move into yet another new complex.



Middlesbrough are into the UEFA Cup semi-finals. Sorry, I have broken Australian media protocol. That should have been Mark Viduka's Middlesbrough. I think he owns the club now or something.

Mark Viduka's Middlesbrough beat Scot Chipperfield's FC Basel. Harry Kewell's Liverpool (I think he bought out Craig Johnston) will not be retaining their Champion's League title, but are doing well in the Premiership.

There's been a change of ownership on Tyneside as well, at Craig Moore's Newcastle United.

The newly discovered and published Gospel of Judas puts the fallen disciple in a better light than he has enjoyed for the last two thousand years or so. Which begs the question, what do I call Sol Campbell now? Apart from the obvious.

This paragraph was going to deal with reader feedback, but as the email inbox is empty that idea has gone out the window.

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Con Boutsianis has signed for the Oakleigh Cannons, scoring on debut against Altona Magic. Next time I see a car speeding out of the Oakleigh KFC car park, I will not be looking at the driver or vehicle, I do not want to be a witness to anything.

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**A QUESTION OF SPORT**

- Kingston City has signed which former South Melbourne player during the week?
- Who is the new CEO of Melbourne Victory?
- How many goals did Mark Viduka score in Middlesbrough's thrilling UEFA Cup match against FC Basel during the week?
- Melbourne Knights signed Goran Talevski from which European Club?
- True or False? Oakleigh's Raj Kumar's last club was Richmond Eagles?
- Unscramble the following letters to read a Green Gully legend- DORGOR ARGAIVS
- NZ Knights have signed which former Scottish International player for the approaching A-League season?
- True or False? Richmond Eagles were in 1953 as Maribyrnong?
- Name the new coach of the Newcastle Jets?
- Who plays at Dunston Reserve?

## ON THE BOX

### The FFV Football Show

Channel 31

Wednesday, 9pm

Featuring Vodafone Cup highlights of Essendon Royals v Green Gully Preston Lions v Heidelberg United South Melbourne v Richmond Eagles

### The Green Gully Soccer Show

Channel 31

Saturdays, 10.30am

### EPL, Portsmouth v Arsenal

Fox Sports 1

Thursday 13th April, 5am

### EPL, Man Utd v Sunderland

Fox Sports 1

Saturday 15th April, 4.45am

### EPL, Bolton v Chelsea

Fox Sports 1

Saturday 15th April, 9.45pm

### EPL, Arsenal v WBA

Fox Sports 1

Sunday 16th April, 12am

### EPL, Portsmouth v M'boro

Fox Sports 1

Sunday 16th April, 2am

### EPL, Aston Villa v B'ham City

Fox Sports 1

Sunday 16th April, 10pm

### EPL, Blackburn v Liverpool

Fox Sports 1

Sunday 16th April, 11.50pm

### The World Game

SBS

Sundays, 2pm – 5.30pm

## ON THE AIRWAVES

### The Sunday Roast Show

Casey Radio 97.7FM

Sunday, 2-5pm

Featuring coverage of the Vodafone Cup with Paul Jeffries.

### The 90th Minute

SEN 1116

Sundays 5pm onwards

With Michael Zappone and former Socceroo legend Paul Trimboli.

### Monday Night Football

96.5 Inner FM

Mondays 8pm

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## FOOTBALL FUNNY

A NZ Knights fan is trapped on a remote desert island with a sheep and a dog. Soon, the sheep starts looking really attractive to the NZ Knights fan. However, whenever he approaches a sheep the dog growls in a threatening manner.

The NZ Knights fan takes the dog to the opposite side of the island, giving it some food as a distraction. He runs back to the sheep only to find the dog growling at him. NZ Knights fan ties the dog to a tree with a large leash. He goes back to the sheep only to find the dog growling with a gnawed off leash around its neck.

By now, NZ Knights fan is getting depressed and frustrated. As he sits under a palm tree staring out to sea, a beautiful woman in a tight-fitting wet suit emerges from the surf.

She asks him who he is and, taking pity upon his lonely state, asks if there's ANYTHING she could do for him. The NZ Knights fan thinks for a moment and then responds, "Could you take the dog for a walk?"

## QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Peter Koufosopoulos  
2. Rodolfo Vargas  
3. Two  
4. Hajduk Split  
5. The  
6. Good Malls  
7. Scott Gemmill  
8. TAFE  
9. Nick Theodoropoulos  
10. Brunswick City



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### LETTER OF THE WEEK

**Dear Goal! Weekly,**

I have to disagree with James from Brunswick. A merger of the larger ethnic groups into one super team cannot work because the individual identities would be lost. These "ethnic" teams belong in the Victorian league. Where do we find the second Melbourne franchise?

- 1) Creating a second new franchise would only erode the supporter base from Melbourne Victory
- 2) Starting a new franchise in Geelong may work, but there may not be enough support to make it viable
- 3) Upgrading one of the current VPL teams could work if they improved their finances and attempted to become more broad-based. At present the only team likely to step up would be South Melbourne. They could still keep their VPL side as a developmental team. They would definitely need a marquee player.

A future 12 team A-League could then have the second Melbourne team, a team from West Sydney, a team in the Gold Coast based at Carrara and one in Canberra. South or Victory could play some games in Tasmania and/or country Victoria, and Qld Roar and/or Gold Coast could play a couple of matches in Darwin/North Qld.

The Minor Premier and Grand Final Premiers would take part in the Asian Champions League, while the 10 other A-League teams could participate in an Australia-wide Champions League competition with the top teams of the State leagues. It could be European Champions League style or FA Cup K/O style.

The State leagues should become the developmental leagues for the A-League, and their season should coincide with the A-League.

Regards

Terence, Eltham.

**Dear Goal! Weekly,**

I have a love hate relationship with Australia's best football team Melbourne Victory. We have the best supporters in the country and we have great players and still we couldn't make a shot at the finals. That's right Australia's sports capital ended last in the country (above NZ).

Why? Bad management, The corporate end of Melbourne Victory think they're running an indoor futsal team at Sunshine RecWest. Why the hell have they got Ernie Merrick leading a team of professionals when he himself hasn't coached a competitively in a decade, but of course this topic has been done to death.

What words of advice could he bring to the table and does the team respect him? We are the youngest team in the league so we need a coach with experience at an international level. They don't realise who they're representing, we are Australia's sports capital. I've got an idea, no d%\*\$heads should be running Melbourne Victory and the management team belongs in Sydney with all other suits.

Yours Truly

Oscar, St Albans.

**Dear Goal! Weekly,**

First of all I would like to congratulate you guys on the work that do for this wonderful game that we all love. Being a supporter of this game, I decided to treat myself to a clash which I thought would provide plenty of action and thrills for the crowd on hand. The game I am referring to was Kingston v Green Gully back in Round 7.

Little did I know that there was a man dressed in black who must have thought the crowd had paid good money to come and see him perform his antics.

A penalty in the sixth minute that you would not see given in a junior match with the strikers father as referee.

A handball by Joe Spiteri late in the game, which should have been his second yellow but for some reason the referee decided to ignore his linesman claims of intent on Joe Spiteri's behalf and make the Gully player take the kick again.

I always thought that after a goal has been scored that you had to start the game. As the ball hit the back of the net for Kingston's second goal the referee just signaled the end of the game. However, the strangest decision of all was the referee's decision to send off Andrew

Marth. If he was watching closely he would have seen the player hanging on to Marth's arm and Marth just pushed him to the ground. I think all spectators were bewildered by the decision. Not as bewildered as Andrew Marth, I bet.

Just for clarification can someone tell me who it was that Marth pushed to the ground as it has been reported in Katsa's Korner as Nick Tolids, the match report by George Stogiannou as Steve Iosifidis and in the Herald Sun by Peter Desira as Nick Papadopoulos, I wonder if the referee actually knows.

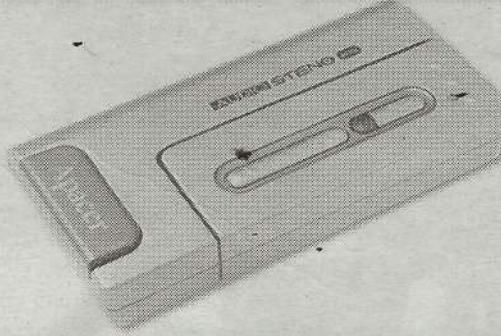
I suppose video footage of this game will explain a few of the scenarios that I have mentioned and maybe a few more from this game that I have left out due to space.

I have also found out that Andrew Marth was suspended for six weeks for this indiscretion!

You be the Judge.

Sylvan, Melbourne.

### MP3 PLAYER GIVEAWAY!



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### GOAL! WEEKLY CROSSWORD

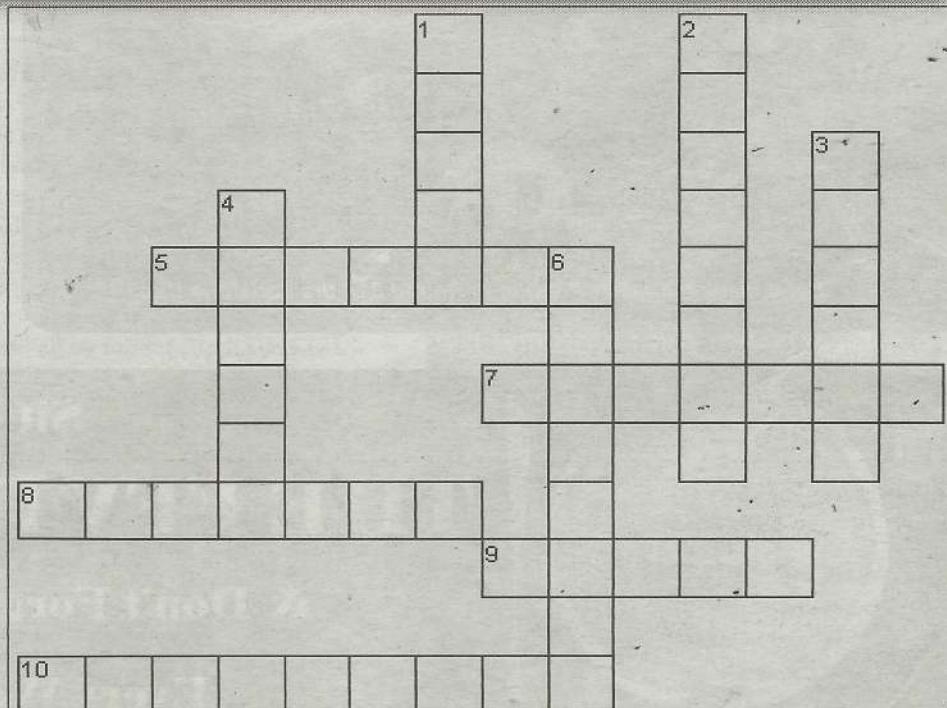
#### TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

##### Across:

- 5 - Goalkeepers are more prone to concede goals when a kick is...
- 7 - attack launched by a defending team soon after it regains possession of the ball
- 8 - on \_\_\_, describes a team in possession of the ball
- 9 - the rectangular area where soccer matches are played
- 10 - 53% of all goals come from moves that start in the \_\_\_ third of the field

##### Down:

- 1 - 4 out of 5 goals are scored from crosses into the \_\_\_ target area
- 2 - taking the ball from your opponent by using the feet
- 3 - a way of covering the man with the ball by feinting without committing yourself
- 4 - goalkeeper
- 6 - a player kicks the ball at the opponent's net in an attempt to score a goal



Monday 10 April

# FOOTBALL FOCUS...WITH LUBO LAPSANSKY

**Name:** Lubo Lapsansky  
**Club:** Green Gully  
**Position:** Middlefielder  
**Age:** 33  
**Height:** 173  
**Weight:** 77  
**Nickname:** Cowboy  
**Previous clubs:** Melbourne Knights, Carlton, and Parramatta

**Representative honours?**  
 Slovakia at junior levels

**Outfield player you most enjoy watching in the VPL?**  
 Vargas's brothers

**In the world?** Zidane, Ronaldinho

**Hardest keeper and team to score against?**  
 Dean Anastasiadis, South Melbourne

**Occupation?** Self-employed

**Craziest team mate of all time?** Zoran Markovski (The Brick)

**Most influential coach of all time?**  
 Ian Dobson

**Most memorable match as a player?**  
 1995/96 NSL Grand Final Melbourne Knights vs. Marconi (2:1)

**As a fan?**  
 Manchester United vs. Bayern Munich, Champions League Final (3:2)

**Where were you when Australia drew 2-2 with Iraq?**  
 Crown Casino

**And when Australia qualified for the World Cup against Uruguay?**  
 Home

**Predict the following results:**  
 Australia vs Japan – 1:1  
 Australia vs Brazil – 0:2  
 Australia vs Croatia – 2:0

**Your tip for the 2006 World Cup?**  
 Brazil

**Most memorable goal you've scored?**  
 Against Adelaide City from 35 meters

**Worst injury:** Ankle  
**Record number of juggles in single attempt?**  
 Never counted.

**Steak, chicken parma or seafood?**  
 All the above

**Chips, veggies or salad?**  
 Salad

**Pizza or souvlaki?**  
 Pizza

**Favourite drink, non alcoholic and alcoholic?**  
 Coke and Beer

**Favourite nightspot?**  
 My backyard

**Favourite holiday destination?**  
 Mt. Buller skiing resort in winter, Great Ocean Road in summer.

**Kitchen whiz or home handyman?**  
 Both

**What's in the CD player right now?**  
 Bon Jovi

**Dream date?**  
 Stopped dating long time ago

**First team-mate you'd invite to a party, and why?**  
 It'd be two. Zoran Markovski and Dean Fak so I would not have hire clowns to entertain my guests.

**On the end of season trip, the last player to shout drinks will be...**  
 Zoran Markovski

**Match day superstitions or rituals?**  
 Two hour sleep before the game

**Typical matchday meal?**  
 Pasta and chicken

**Favorite sporting team when growing up?**  
 AC Milan

**What are your strengths?**  
 Distribution

**What are your weaknesses?**  
 Not scoring enough goals.

**Ten pin bowling or skydiving?**  
 Definitely bowling.

**Toughest opponent?**  
 Jeff Fleming, because of his aerial strengths.

**Select a player that you play most like?**  
 Ronaldinho, I wish

**Which team do you select when playing FIFA soccer on a computer game?**  
 Real Madrid



**What is the last soccer shirt you bought?**  
 Never bought one.

**Funniest rumour you have heard about yourself?**  
 Never heard one

**Childhood soccer idol?**  
 Marco Van Basten

**Favorite former Socceroo?**  
 John Markovski

**Favorite Current Socceroo?**  
 Marco Bresciano

**Best away ground you like to visit?**  
 Maracana

**If I didn't play football I'd play...**  
 Ice hokey

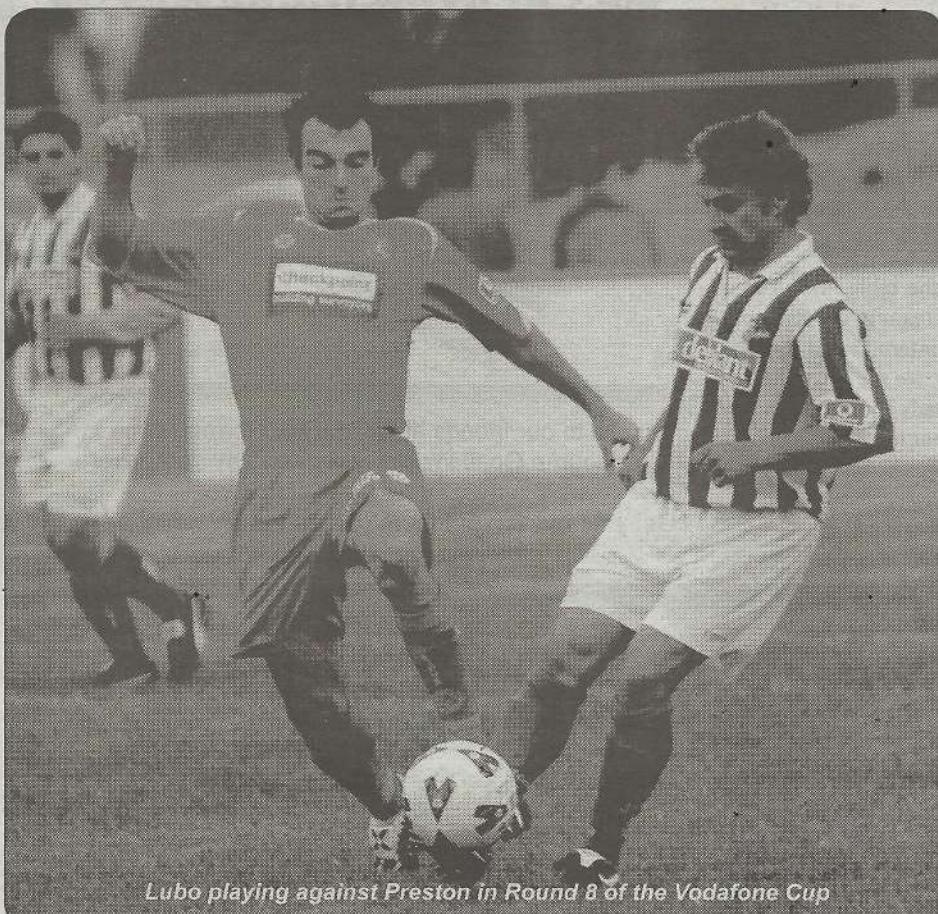
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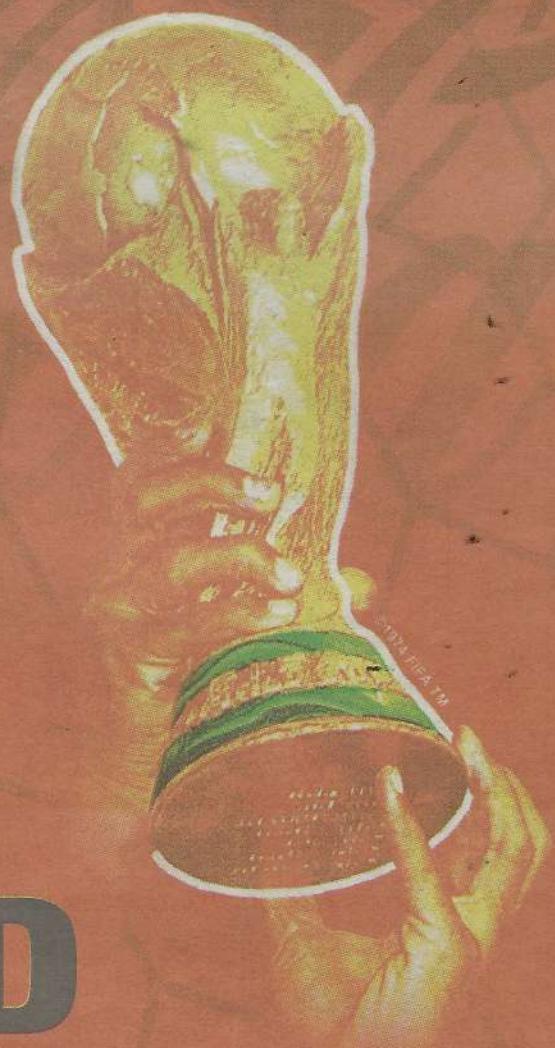


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